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LIAQUAT ALI TO VISIT INDIA IN JUNE

KARACHI, April 27, (PTI).

THE Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, tonight concluded his discussions with the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and is leaving for Delhi tomorrow morning, writes P.T.I. special correspondent.

In pursuance of the Delhi agreement it has been decided to continue these meetings in future which, according to an official announcement, have promoted a better understanding and more friendly relations between the two countries.

The current series of discussions between the two Prime Ministers covered such problems as Kashmir, evacuee property and canal water in general terms.

The question of evacuating members of the minority community in Skardu, Kashmir, the refugee camps in Rawalpindi and in the "Azad Kashmir" area were also discussed.

The main discussions related to the implementation of the Delhi agreement. Both the Prime Ministers are satisfied with the progress made. It is understood that the appointment of an Indian Central Minister in West Bengal to ensure the proper implementation of the agreement will be announced soon.

Liaquat For Delhi

It is further understood that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan will be visiting Delhi some time in June after his return from the United States.

Pandit Nehru held another discussion with Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan tonight. At this meeting, it is understood, they had exchange of views on the international situation as it affects the sub-continent.

Pandit Nehru had a busy day today. He attended a reception held in his honour by the Pakistan Foreign Office. Over 800 guests attended the function.

Pandit Nehru was received by the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir M. Zafrullah Khan, and was introduced to the guests among whom were many old friends of the Prime Minister.

The reception was attended by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, members of the diplomatic corps, Ministers of the Pakistan Central Government, Premier of Sind and his colleagues and a large number of high-ranking army and civil officers and non-officials.

Pandit Nehru today received Chaudhury Khaliq-uz-Zaman, President of the Pakistan Muslim League. Their discussions covered the question of implementation of the Delhi agreement and further strengthening of the Indo-Pakistan relations.

Pandit Nehru had lunch with the Governor-General of Pakistan, Khwaja Nazimuddin, Mr. Mihammed Ali, Secretary-General of the Pakistan Government, was present.

Mr. Ikramullah, Secretary of the Pakistan Foreign Office, gave a dinner to Mr. S. Dutt, Additional Secretary, Indian External Affairs Ministry and members of Pandit Nehru's party. A number of officials of the Pakistan Government and of the Indian High Commissioner's office attended the party.

APP Deputation

A deputation of three trustees of the Associated Press of Pakistan comprising Mr. Altaf Hussain, Pir Ali Mohammed Rashidi and Malik Tajuddin met Pandit Nehru this afternoon at Government House.

Besides other matters, deputation is understood to have pleaded for necessary facilities for Pakistani correspondents to ensure proper coverage of news from India. The attention of the Indian Prime Minister was also drawn to the ban on the entry of certain Pakistani newspapers into India.

Pandit Nehru, it is learnt, gave the deputation a sympathetic hearing.

VISITORS

Talks between the two Prime Ministers which were adjourned at about 1 p.m. today, could not be resumed this afternoon as was previously arranged, owing to Pandit Nehru's engagements with several distinguished visitors. These included Choudhri Khaliquz-Zaman, Mr. Altaf Hussain, Editor of "Dawn," and a number of other journalists of Karachi, adds the United Press of India.

Pandit Nehru received a deputation of about 35 Hindu ladies as well as M.L.A.'s of Sind. The Hindu ladies presented Pandit Nehru with two silver trays containing rose water and bouquets of flowers.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi visited this afternoon the National Museum of Pakistan. She was received by Mrs. Fazlur Rahman, wife of the Minister of Commerce, who showed her round the finest specimens of arts and crafts of Pakistan which are collected here.

Pandit Nehru was entertained at a grand reception arranged in his honour by the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Pakistan Government, at the Mohatta Palace, near Clifton Beach. The function was attended by over 1,000 guests representing the elite of Karachi, besides members of the entire diplomatic corps. The High Commissoners of U. K., Canada, Ceylon, and the Ambassadors of U.S.A., Indonesia Egypt, Iran, Turkey, Soviet Union, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Switzerland, France and Netherlands.

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Rajaji To Go On Mission Abroad?

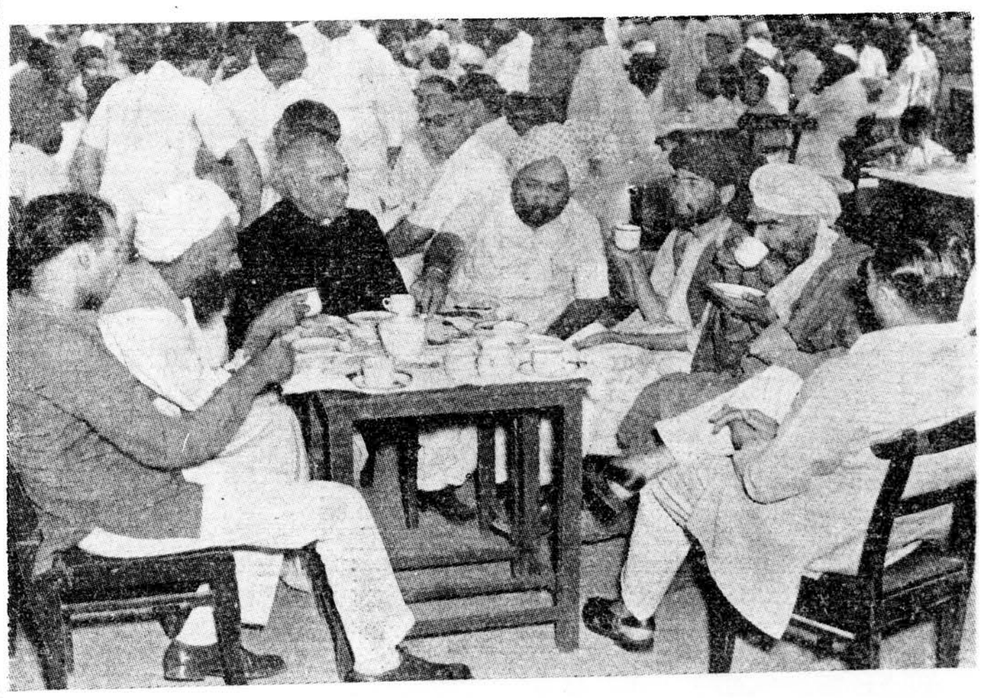
NEW DELHI, April 27, (PTI).

MR. C. Rajagopalachari may go on a mission abroad on behalf of India, according to well-informed quarters here.

Shortly after he laid down office in January as India's last Governor-General, Mr. Rajagopalachari was, according to these quarters, invited by the British Government to visit Britain as their guest. If Mr. Rajagopalachari accepts this long-standing invitation, it is suggested tat he may be asked to undertake a goodwill mission to other Western countries including the United States.

Mr. Rajagopalachari arrives here tomorrow from Bombay. He is expected to stay in the capital for about ten days. For the first part of his visit he will be staying at the Government House at President Rajendra Prasad's guest.

TEA PARTY TO PILGRIMS FROM PAKISTAN



Pilgrims from Pakistan who visited Ajmer to participate in the Urs celebrations at the Dargah of Khwaja Moin-ud-Din Chishti, at a tea party arranged in their honour by people who were formerly residents of Sindh.

TOLL OF CHOLERA IN CALCUTTA

100 Cases Yesterday

CALCUTTA, April 27 (UPI).—Cut fruits and exposed food worth above Rs. 2,000 were destroyed in the city today as a measure against the spread of cholera, which is taking a record toll of lives this year.

In Chowringhee area alone, Calcutta's busiest and most cosmopolitan centre, exposed food worth Rs. 1,000 was destroyed.

Health departments of the West Bengal Government and Calcutta Corporation are organising intensive inoculation measures throughout the city.

Till the evening of Thursday, about 100 cases of cholera have been reported, according to hospital records. The hospital authorities are experiencing great handicap in accommodating the cholera patients. All the beds are already full and extra beds could hardly cope with the emergency. In Campbell Hospital, senior students have been requisitioned for emergency duties.

Cholera In Assam

GAUHATI: Altogether sixty attacks from cholera, of which 34 proved fatal, were reported in Assam during the week ending April 15, according to official figures, reports (PTI).

One person died of small pox during the same period.

Three Burnt Alive, Houses Gutted

BLAZE IN RAMNAGAR

MADHUBANI, April 27 (P.T.I.): Three persons were burnt alive and about two thousand houses were gutted in a big fire that broke out yesterday in Ramnagar and Sirahi villages and their adjoining areas in Nepal, about 23 miles north of Joynagar (Darbhanga district), according to a report received here.

Foodgrains worth several lakhs of rupees are reported to have been burnt to ashes. Volunteer organisations of the neighbouring areas are rendering relief to the sufferers.

MANY OF THEM COME BACK

Good Progress In Rehabilitation

CALCUTTA, April 27, (PTI).

A STEADY return of Muslims to their former homes in West Bengal, which they had left following the recent disturbances, is reported from Nadia and 24-Parganas districts since the beginning of this week.

Although their exact number is not available, it is learned that Muslims of several villages in the border areas of these districts have come back and have now settled in their original homes.

Reports from West Dinajpur and Jalpaiguri in West Bengal also indicate that after the Nehru-Liaquatali agreement, most of the Muslims, who had been living in refugee camps or gone out of the State, have returned. Arrangements are being made by the West Bengal Government to reconstruct houses, which were burnt or otherwise damaged, for the rehabilitation of these persons.

The local people in all these areas, particularly Congressmen, are helping Government in the task of rehabilitation.

In Howrah, many houses have been reconstructed by the Government and many of the Muslims returning have already been rehabilitated.

More D.P.s Arrive

CALCUTTA, April 27 (PTI): Fifteen thousand four hundred and fifty East Bengal Hindus arrived in West Bengal during the 24 hours ended at 6 a.m. today, according to official statistics. This included about 700 arriving by a steamer from East Bengal.

About 7,100 Muslims left West Bengal during this period. This also included 1,200, who left for Chittagong by a steamer today.

POLICE SWOOP ON BURGLARS' DEN

Alleged Leader Of Gang Arrested

GWALIOR, April 27 (UPI)—The Madhya Bharat police acting in collaboration with the local police swooped on the den of an inter-provincial gang of burglars and safe-brakers at Agra and took into the custody one Ram Singh said to be the leader of the alleged gang.

Stolen property and ornaments worth rupees 60 thousand were recovered from the hide-out which served as the headquarters of the miscreants.

Death For Treason

PRAGUE, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Two brothers were sentenced to death for high treason by the state court at Bano, Moravia, trying 17 members of a spy group, newspaper here reported today.

The court imposed one life sentence and 13 sentences of 10 to 20 years' hard labour.

The 17th defendant was acquitted.

CAPE TOWN, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): South Africa today announced recognition of Cambodia, Viet Nam and Laos in Indo-China as associate states within the French Union.

YUGOSLAVS' FAITH IN TITO

Confirmed As Head

BELGRADE, April 27 (P.T.I-Reuter): The newly elected Yugoslav National Assembly today confirmed Marshal Josip Tito as head of the Government and Minister of Defence, and also approved a Cabinet list presented by the Marshal.

Only change in the Government list was the appointment of Ljubodrac Djuric as Secretary-General of the Government and Minister with Cabinet rank.

Marshal Tito told a joint session of the Assembly today that Yugoslavia would appoint a Minister to Greece "in the coming days".

Marshal Tito

He also poured oil on the Trieste dispute with Italy and welcomed the return of normal relations with Austria.

He said relations with Russia and the people's democracies were getting sharper.

In a nine-point survey of Yugoslavia's foreign policy, the Marshal declared that in view of recent developments in Greece, "from now on there will be possibilities for essential improvement in relations". "I consider that such co-operation will be of great benefit to the countries, and it will contribute remarkably to strengthening peace in the Balkans," he said.

Relations with Soviet Union were getting sharper, he said, because of the stubbornly hostile attitude of the Soviet Union.

U.K. BACKS JORDAN'S LAND-GRABBING

Also, Final Blessing To Israel

LONDON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter).

BRITAIN today recognised King Adbullah's decree doubling the size of his Jordan kingdom by annexing a large area of Palestine held by the Arab Legion since the war with Israel.

At the same time, Britain gave final blessing to the young Jewish state of Israel by raising her recognition from the year-old "de facto" to full "de jure" approval.

But in making these decisions, announced in the House of Commons, Britain laid down important conditions.

She reserved her views on the permanent frontiers of Israel and her Arab neighbours until they reach final peace settlements.

And her recognition of Jordan's annexation of Eastern Palestine carried no decision about the future of Jerusalem—focal point of centuries of Christian crusades against the Muslims and now the main bone of contention between Israel and Jordan.

Today's decision brings Jordan's new territory under the protective "wing" Britain provided in the Anglo-Jordan treaty of alliance in 1948.

NO MILITARY BASES

British Minister of State Kenneth Younger making this clear in the House of Commons declared that Britain—who sent troops to Jordan's Red Sea port of Akaba at a critical time in the Palestine war—had no intention of setting up military bases in peace-time in the annexed territory.

The annexation of land west of the Jordan was proclaimed by King Abdullah on Monday in defiance of the six other states of the Arab League. Egypt and the rest of the Arab nations support the claim to Arab Palestine of a group of Palestinian Arabs known as the "Gaza Government."

Mr. Younger told Parliament Britain was unable to recognise Israel's sovereignty over areas she occupied pending a final determination of frontiers with Jordan. Similar reservations were made on Israel's boundaries with other Arab states, he said.

Britain's decisions were communicated to the two countries' Foreign Ministers by her representatives in Tel Aviv and Amman shortly before the Commons announcement.

Her diplomats had also told the six other Arab League Governments beforehand. Other members of the British Commonwealth had been consulted.

Any Israel attempt to increase her size by encroaching on Jordan-held territory, including the old city of Jerusalem, will find Britain at the side of King Abdullah's forces.

This is the effect of Britain's guarantee, announced today, of the present armistice lines between Israel and Jordon or any future frontier which may be negotiated by them, diplomatic quarters declared here.

Bombay Cost Of Living Index

During March 1950, the Bombay working class cost of living index number (on base year ending June 1934 equal to 100) receded by three points to 302 owing to a fall of eight points in the food group.

During the same month, the Sholapur working class cost of living index number (on base year ending January 1928 equal to 100) was 298 being the same in the preceding month.

600 Guerillas Wiped Out

SEOUL, KOREA, April 27 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Two columns of six hundred guerillas which raided South Korea territory near the east coast on March 27 were completely wiped out by the Korean Army, it was officially announced here today.

South Korea was formerly occupied by American forces, and the North, now a "Peoples Republic", by Russian troops.

A final report on the smashing of the "invasion" from the North today said that 518 guerillas were killed, forty-two captured and seventy-one surrendered. Booty seized included 385 rifles, 425 hand grenades and large quantities of ammunition.

VIET NAM PREMIER RESIGNS

SAIGON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Viet Nam Premier Nguyen Phan Long resigned today.

Bao Dai, head of the Viet Nam state, charged Governor Tran Van Huu with the duty of forming a new Cabinet, it was officially announced.

The Viet Nam ministerial crisis had dragged on for three weeks.

Nguyen Phan Long had insisted that American economic and military aid should be sent directly to Viet Nam and that the French authorities should have no voice in its administration.

French authorities in Indo-China took the contrary view.

Three Ministers those of Defence, Youth and Health resigned earlier this month complaining of lack of freedom to act in their respective spheres.

Nguyen Phar Long, a former Foreign Minister, formed his Government in January this year after long and difficult negotiations. He retained the Foreign Ministry portfolio.

Arrears Of Debts

LUCKNOW, April 27 (PTI): The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly tonight approved the principle that arrears of debts under the U. P. Encumbered Estates Act, Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists Loans Act would be recoverable from the compensation to be paid to the zamindars.

The principle was accepted in the form of an amendment moved by Mr. Ramashanker Lal (Congress) during the discussion on Clause 8 of the U.P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Bill.

Secretaries Committee

CALCUTTA, April 27 (PTI)—In pursuance of the decision of the Government of India, the West Bengal Government has constituted an inter-departmental secretaries committee on planning with Mr. S. K. Mukherji, Finance Adviser, as chairman.

The functions of the committee will be to advice and assist in all matters relating to the work of the Planning Commission set up by the Government of India.

HUNTERS MEET A TRAGIC FATE

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, April 27: Three doughty huntsmen known all over the Dedan Taluka in the Gohelwar district of Saurashtra as splendid shots recently went out to hunt hares.

They roused a pack of twelve lions while beating about the bush to ferret out the hares. Infuriated lions made a mince-meat of two of the three shikaris, and mauled the third shikari whose condition is precarious.

Shot Through The Head

KARACHI, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Dr. L. Nemanyi, Hungarian-born financial expert in the service of the Pakistan Government, was found shot through the head near his residence here early today. A thirty twwo-calibre pistol was found near the body.

Both Premiers Satisfied: Joint Communique

NEW DELHI, April 27, (PTI).

THE Nehru-Liaquat talks at Karachi since yesterday covered the whole field of Indo-Pakistan relations, according to a joint communique by the two Governments released here tonight.

Although no conclusion had been reached, the communique said, the discussions were frank and friendly.

The following is the text of the joint communique:

"During the visit of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Karachi on twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh April, 1950, the two Prime Ministers have had an opportunity of reviewing the whole field of Indo-Pakistan relations They are satisfied with the progress made in the implementation of the Delhi agreement.

"It is hoped that the exodus of minorities from both countries will progressively decrease and it should not be long before the return of the refugees to their homes starts.

"The problems of Kashmir, evacuee property and canal water were discussed in general terms. Although no definite conclusions have been reached at this stage, the discussions were frank and friendly.

"The two Prime Ministers feel that their visits to each other's capital have promoted a better understanding and more friendly relations between the two countries They have decided to continue these meetings in future."

MOVE TO SET UP POPULAR RULE IN HYDERABAD

V. P. Menon Meets Nizam And State Congress Leader

HYDERABAD, April 27, (PTI).

MR. V. P. MENON, Secretary of the States Ministry, today had a series of meetings with officials and non-officials in the State. He also called on the Nizam and had talks with him for about forty minutes.

Among those Mr. Menon met today were Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Chief Minister of Hyderabad, Mr. D. S. Bakhle, Home Minister and Mr. Digambar Rau Bindu, President of the Hyderabad State Congress.

The meeting between Mr. Menon and Mr. Digambar Rau Bindu lasted about forty minutes. Mr. Vellodi and Mr. N. M. Buch, Joint Secretary of the States' Ministry were also present at the meeting. They are reported to have discussed the question of the association of the State Congress representatives in the state government. No decision was however, reached on this question, it was learnt. Mr. Bindu is also understood to have discussed with Mr. Menon the situation in the disturbed Telangana districts of Hyderabad and to have made certain suggestions to effectively counter the activities of the "anti-social" elements in those areas.

Mr. Menon also met Mr. V. Lethiraj, Special Prosecutor, Mr. T. Anantachari, special officer appointed to review the cases of detenus in Hyderabad and Mr. Baqar Ali Mirza, a Muslim leader of Hyderabad.

Brigadier Manakshaw and Mr. H. M. Patel, Secretary Defence Department, Government of India, who were here for the tripartite conference on the Communist situation in the contiguous districts of Madras and Hyderabad states, left for Delhi this morning.

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2. The prescribed tender form with conditions of contract and detailed tender conditions can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, E.P. Railway, Delhi, on payment of Rs. 5/-. Tenders will be received up to 14 hours on 25th May, 1950, and will be opened at 15 hours on the same day.

3. The work is required to be completed by 31st December, 1950 and should commence within one month from the date of acceptance of the tender.

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Capt. E. M. MELLO-CASTRO
Proprietor, Mello's Hotel.

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NOTICE

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Tenders from firms other than on the approved list on this Railway will not be considered unless accompanied by banker's reference and Income Tax Clearance Certificate.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Assignee of Bombay and the Assignee of the Estate and effects of Bhagwanlal Premji Worah has sold to our clients at the Auction Sale, held on the 14th April, 1950, the undermentioned properties and that all persons having any right, title interest, claim or demond into or upon the said lands, hereditaments and premises of any kind howsoever are hereby required to inform in writing within 10 days from this date to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, otherwise the sale will be completed and any such claim will be considered as having been waived and void.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY AT BARA IMAM ROAD.

M/s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from Messrs. Mehta Laljee and Co., Attorneys for Mortgagees in exercise of powers under Indenture of Mortgage dated 13-10-44 and on account and at risk of Mortgagor Mohomed Badoo sell by Public Auction on premises at 4-30 p.m. on Monday 28th inst., undermentioned property:—

All that piece of land of quit and ground rent tenure together with a building at Bara Imam Road, (formerly known as Khoja Street) admeasuring 136 square yards or thereabouts bearing Cadastral Survey No. 3702 of Bhuleshwar Division and "C" Ward No. 7250 and Street Nos. 135-137.

For particulars apply to Messrs. Mehta Laljee and Co., Solicitors at 2-4 Oak Lane, Fort, or to us.

AUCTION SALE of Shop furniture such as show-cases, Mandnis, chairs, table, ceiling fan etc. at ground floor of Jai Hind Estate, Building at Bhuleshwar, on Saturday 29th Inst., at 12 Noon under instructions from M/s India Glassware House.

Terms: Full cash & immediate delivery.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF CARGOES LYING UNCLEARED IN THE B.P.T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Section 64A of the Bombay Port Trust Act of 1879 and as from time to time amended MENESSE & CO., will under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks sell by Public Auction at the sale Warehouse, Alexandra Dock at 10-30 a.m. on Tuesday the 2nd May 1950 the following goods:— Mails: M. Batteries: Radio spares: Hardware; Electric spare parts; C. P. goods; A. S. yarn; machinery part; sewing machine; gum; 46 c/s cigarettes; raw wool and woollen carpets; mutton tallow; rubber goods; wire netting etc.

AUCTION SALE of valuable Diamond jewellery under instructions from the different parties on SATURDAY, the 29th inst., at 2-30 p. m. at No. 132, Meadows Street, Fort, On view on sale day. Terms as usual. M. MODY & Co. Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF U/S STORES

Under instructions from Controller of Stores, B.P.T., BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on 8-5-'50 at 10-30 a.m. at Controller of Stores Yard, Mazagon:— cotton and woollen waste, duplicators, Typewriters, couplings, E. Fans, copper and brass scrap, M. S. chains, Kegs, tins, drums, Boiler tubes, pipes, Mangolore Tiles, 25 tons angles, 80 tons plates 150 tons timber planks, Chevrolet lorry, Morris car, Air condition plant, Woollen cloth, mild steel chain 25 tons, air compressors, on 9-5-50 at 11 a.m. on Plot opp. C Shed Prince's Dock; big lot of black corrugated iron sheets at 2-30 p.m. at Canteen Shed, Darukhana; Extinguishers, adaptors, axes, clarion bells, foam solution and other A.R.P. Materials. Terms: 25 p.c. Cash deposit BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE of properties at C. P. Tank, Kandawadi and Manmalla Tank has been POSTPONED sine die.

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Laik Ali Safe In Pakistan

EXTRADITION UNLIKELY

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, April 26.

No confirmation is yet available in Pakistan's official circles about the demand by the Government of India for extradition of Mir Laik Ali, Ex-Premier of Hyderabad State.

These circles, however, opine that since there did not exist any treaty or bilateral agreement for the surrender of fugitives from justice of the two countries, Pakistan was not likely to compel Mir Laik Ali to go over to India. In support of this view, these circles giving various examples in this connection, point out that the British Government not only rejected repeated requests for the surrender of Nicolai Lenin, the father of the Russian Revolution, who was actually wanted on numerous charges some of them real—of subversive activities against the Government of the Czar, but it let him propagate his ideas in England in the 19th century.

It also flatly refused to expel or to assist in arresting Sun Yat Sen, the father of the Chinese Republic, who directed his revolutionary activities from London and later on from New York.

Likewise, the Turkish Government successfully resisted the Russian Government's demands for the removal to Russia of Mufti Alam Jan Barudi, the Leader of the Russian Muslim Awakening in the beginning of this century. The Government of the Nizam, in the eighties of last century, afforded shelter to the late Syed Jamal-ul-Din against the wishes of the British Government.

The Turkish Government had also refused to comply with the wishes of the British Government to hand over Rashid Ali al Gilani, the wartime Iraq Premier, and Amin el Hussain, the Grand Mufti of Palestine, and the Egyptian Government has resisted the call for the expulsion of Emir Abdul Karim Riffi and numerous Algerian and Tunisian patriots from Egypt and the restoration of doubtful French jurisdiction over them.

Being enraged at their teachers having been served with notices terminating their services, students of the local City High School are reported to have assaulted the Honorary Secretary of the School when he went there to announce results of the annual examinations. A case has been registered with the City Police, who are conducting necessary enquiries.

Indore Mills Facing Coal Shortage

(From Our Correspondent). A

INDORE, April 27: The textile mills here are again facing a coal crisis and are likely to cease working if adequate supplies are not received regularly.

MADRAS NEWSLETTER

RED MENACE IN ANDHRA INCREASING

Madras Security Measures Inadequate

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
MADRAS, (By Mail).

IT is as though the Andhra districts are fast becoming a problem area, in so far as the Communist trouble there is concerned. The outrages committed by Communists are on the increase and during recent weeks not a day has passed without bringing in a report of some incident somewhere either in the Guntur or Krishna or Godavari district.

I shall attempt to review some of the outstanding features of the situation in connection with this growing menace. One of them is that the Communist bands are going about in larger numbers than sometime back and that they are now better equipped with guns, firearms and other weapons. Secondly, they are following a fixed atrategy by directing their attacks on villages which are inaccessible by road and where the police force is either absent or weak. Thirdly, they concentrate of acts of dacoity and arson and do not hesitate to commit murder by shooting whereever they encounter resistence Dacoity and looting are obviously their principal aims at present.

Counter measures are naturally being taken by the Government and one of them—and the most important of them—is to strengthen the special and reserve police forces in the affected area. Village defence squads are being rapidly constituted in the districts and Government have been providing their members with fireaams to deal with the Communist raiders.

DIFFICULTIES

It has, however, been found that increase in the police force has not in all cases resulted in any corresponding diminution of the incidence of the Communist menace. Two reasons, among others, are assigned for this. First is the bad condition of the road communications in the interior of the districts. Secondly, there is the language difficulty. A large number of the special police units are now, as before, recruited from Malabar and Tamilnad, and are consequently unacquainted with the Telugu language. This stands in the way of their geting into intimate touch with the people among whom they are to live and carry on their work and enlisting their sympathy and co-operation

CONFLICTING

The position is not helped but rendered worse by the rift between the Congress Committees and the Government. It is well-known that the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee and the Madras Government do not look at the problem from the same angle. The Andhra P.C.C. president, Mr. N. G Ranga, and the Andhra P.C.C have been urging for sometime now that the Communist trouble in Andhra cannot be tackled effectively by the unaided and single handed efforts of the State Government alone and that the Central Government should take over the police administration in the disturbed areas.

On the other hand the Madras Government feel, as revealed in the Chief Minister's statements that the trouble has been brought more or less under control except in the villages immediately adjoining the Hyderabad-Madras border.

These conflicting assertions by spokesmen of the Congress Committee and the Government are undoubtedly having a baneful effect on public opinion and also on the morale of the police. It seems from what is happening tha tthe rift is only widening. It is felt here that nothing should be done to bring down the morale of the police. What is required is that that efforts must be made to create self-confidence and courage among the village populations and they be afforded the necessary facilities to organise themselves into defence squads and given firearms.

It is evident that the Madras Government are anxious to take effective steps and wherever possibilities of co-ordinated action exist as between the Hyderabad and Madras forces in suppressing the menace, they will be taken advantage of. It is expected that this aspect of the question will be discussed by the Madras Chief and Law Ministers with the Home Ministry of the Union Government during their forthcoming visit to Delhi.

PRAKASAM AGAIN

It is expected that the issue of whether disciplinary action should be taken against Mr. Prakasam and his associates for refusing to abide by the directive of the Working Committee not to sit in a separate block in the Assembly and not to move the resolution on the appointment of a Privileges Committee to enquire into charges against Ministers, is expected to be discussed by the Working Committee at its forthcoming session. Mr. Prakasam himself is determined to see the matter through to its logical end, but there are influences in the Andhra Congress Committee which are anxious to see that the matter is settled without any drastic action againsts him, which is considered inescapable if he persists in his stand. I understand on reliable authority that the Andhra Congress Committee, under Mr. Ranga's leadership, is exerting itself in favour of getting Mr. Prakasam to withdraw his resolution and to consider the matter as closed.

It has been decided by the committee, which met in Madras, that an informal deputation should wait on the Working Committee and impress on them the need to withdraw the threat of disciplinary action against him but it is not clear how that result can be achieved unless in advance. Mr. Prakasam is willing to withdraw his stand. It is stated that on this matter sharp differences of opinion were noticed among the members, some of them being decidedly in favour of Mr. Prakasam withdrawing the resolution and accepting the report of the Three-man Committee on the Madras ministerial affairs and some others supporting Mr. Prakasam's stand as being justified from the standpoint of purifying the Congress organisation.

The general feeling is that in the interests of Congress discipline, Mr. Prakasam should bow to the High Commands directive.

STATE TRADING

Some interesting details are available about the state trading schemes in Madras, to enquire the working of which a committee of enquiry has been set up by the Government of India. It is stated that in the various state trading schemes, the Madras Government, during the year ended March 31, 1949, had lost Rs. 3,16,00,000 by way of food subsidies. Under the Madras firewood scheme, the nett loss was Rs. 3,44,621. Similarly losses were noticeable in other state commodities other than rice and a strong case for giving up these schemes, at least in respect of trading schemes also. All of which goes to show that there is wheat.

INSTRUMENT LANDING AND RADAR FOR SANTA CRUZ

Accident Enquiry Proposals To Be Implemented

NEW DELHI, April 27. (PTI).

PROPOSALS for the implementation of the principal six recommendations of the K. L. M. Accident Enquiry Committee will be taken in hand by the Civil Aviation Department immediately, it is authoritatively learnt.

The accident which involved the death of 48 persons occurred on July 12, 1949 and the report of the Enquiry Committee was published on December 30, 1949, holding that the principal cause of the accident was "error of judgment" on the part of the pilot.

These recommendations relate to the development of east-west runway at Santa Cruz as the main instrument runway, equipping it with high intensity lighting and approch lighting, completion of instrument landing system, equipping the aerodrome with latest surveillance radar and G.C.A. (Ground Control Approach) with M.T.I. (Moving Target Indicator), reduction of the hills and the installation of high power electric neon flashing beacons and twin obstruction lights on Chandivli and Trombay Hills.

One of their recommendations viz: recommendation No. 2 has almost been implemented with the practical completion of the middle and outer market beacon installations.

LIGHTING RUNWAYS

The lighting and strengthening of runways at Santa Cruz is expected to cost Rs. 34 lakhs. The existing east-west runway will be lengthened to 6,900 feet and the strength of the runway will be increased to permit of regular operation by aircraft of upto 135,000 lbs. all up weight.

It is also proposed to lengthen the N.W.-E.S. runway by 150 yards. High intensity runway and approach lighting will also be installed on the east-west runway at a cost of about Rs. 10 lakhs.

Full data of various types of instrument landing system are being collected and studied. It is proposed to instal one set of equipment of instrument landing system which would cost about Rs. four and half lakhs.

SURVEILLANCE RADAR

Regarding recommendation No. 4, setting up surveillance radar and G.C.A. (Ground Control Approach) with M.T.I. (Moving Target Indicator) which will cost about Rs. 20 lakhs — this type of equipment is being made by the manufacturers and the most suitable type will be selected after completion of studies of their performance and installed at Santa Cruz.

In regard to recommendation No. 5, namely, reducing the height of the four hills in proximity of Santa Cruz, it is learnt that the cost of blowing up these hills will come to about Rs. 60 lakhs. It is, therefore, proposed to instal the latest type of G.C.A. on these hills.

Arrangements are also being made for installing high power electric neon flashing beacons on Chandivli and obstruction lights on Trombay Hill during the current year in accordance with the sixth recommendation of the Committee.

GOLD PARCEL STOLEN
Theft From Post Office

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An insured parcel containing gold valued at Rs. 25,000 was stolen from the Jumma Masjid Post Office on Monday last.

The parcel, it is stated, was handed over to the post office by a certain party for dispatch outside Bombay.

No arrests have so far been made. Police are making further investigations.

Loans For Displaced Industrialists

SIMLA, April 27. (PTI): The Rehabilitation France Administration has agreed to provide Rs. one crore for granting loans to those displaced industrialists, who will purchase plots for starting industries, in the new industrial area at Panipat, Sonepat, Bahadurgarh, Ludhiana, Jagadhari and Jullundur in the Punjab, is was officially learned here.

Amalner Medical Board

BOMBAY, Thursday: Shri V. M. Deshmane of Amalner has been appointed as a member of the Medical Board constituted for issue of certificates to addicts of Hemp Drugs and Opium at Amalner. Shri Deshmane has been appointed in place of Shri S. D. Chitale, who resigned.

Couple Arrested For Cheating

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A married couple, Chandrakant G. Shah and his wife Jassumathi Shah were arrested by the Paltan Road Police yesterday on a charge of cheating proferred against them by a city businessman.

Producing the two accused before Mr. A. A. Shellim, Presidency Magistrate, Ballard Pier Court, the Police stated that accused No. 1 met the complainant in a suburban train.

Posing himself as a big businessman, he became very friendly with the complainant who, wanting to erect a flour mill, asked the other to supply him the required machinery for the same.

The complainant who did not doubt the bona-fides of the accused advanced him the sum of Rs 2,100 but he soon found to his chagrin that the accused instead of sending him the required machinery, had sent him two oil crushing machines which the complainant had no use for

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Having apprised him of this irregular procedure, the accused then took another advance of Rs. 3,000 on the promise that he will restify the error committed and dispatch immediately to the compltainant the required machinery.

When the machinery was not coming the complainant got suspicious and demanded his money back. A cheque signed by the second accused who is the proprietress of Messrs. Arun Trading Corporation, Malad, was made to the complainant who having gone to the bank was disappointed to find that the constituent had no funds there to meet the sum.

Thereafter, the complainant went to the house of the accused but having not found them at home, lodged a complaint with the Police who arrested both the acused.

The magistrate enlarged the accused on bail of Rs. 7,000.

City Firm Duped

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Charged with cheating a firm dealing in onions and potatoes to the tune of Rs. 2,500, Bhau Rangoji Patel, a mukaddam of the firm, was arrested by the police on Wednesday. He was placed today before Mr. S. B. Avar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, who ordered him to be released on bail, pending further inquiries.

The police told the Magistrate that one of the partners of the firm had received a parcel of 191 bags of potatoes from Kamalgang. He gave the invoice to the accused, asking him to get the delivery of the goods from the railway authorities.

On his return from the railway parcel office, the accused expressed his regret for the invoice being lost. He further informed the complainant that in order to get the delivery of goods, he would have to deposit a sum of Rs. 2,500. The complainant paid the amount and on the meanwhile managed to get the indemnity bond from the consignee.

On inquiries he learnt from the railway authorities that the original invoice which was reported to have been lost was actually on record and that the accused had taken away the sum of Rs. 2,500 on the same day on which it had been deposited by him.

Police was then informed and the accused was arrested.

18 MONTHS' R. I. FOR THEFT

John D'Souza, aged 22, was convicted and sentenced to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of committing theft of a leather bag, containing a chromium plated wrist watch, Rs. 15 in cash and two laundry receipts, belonging to one Miss Rati D. Shahukar, by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate Esplanade Court.

The prosecution stated that the girl, residing at Cursow Baug, went to a friend's house opposite the Colaba Post Office on February 17. Keeping her leather bag in the visiting room, she went inside the house. In her absence, the accused, who was present in the house at that time, stole the bag and went away.

CLOTH WORTH 7,000 STOLEN
Returned Externee Arrested

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Thieves broke into a cloth shop through the rear window of Habib Terrace, Soparibaug, Road, and decamped with cloth takas valued at Rs. 7,000.

The Kalachowki police, acting on reliable information, kept a day and night watch on a certain building, which they subsequently raided, and arrested one Shankar Baburao Hadkar a returned externee.

His accomplices who were with him at the time managed to make good their escape. Pending further investigations, the accused has been remanded into police custody. Hitherto no portion of the stolen property has been recovered.

RATION OFFENCES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Anandji Shiva Mehta was arrested yesterday for drawing rations, it is alleged, on his servant's card in his absence.

Alamiya M. Sayed was arrested today for failing to surrender certain ration cards and illegally drawing on same. He has been released on bail.

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CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

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Sunrise 6-13 a.m., Sunset 7-0 p.m.
Hightide 08-35, 20-58.
Lowtide 02-50 14-36.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA CEREMONY

Mr. Kantilal Pratapsi died on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1950. His Uthamna Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 29th April, 1950, at 8 a.m. (St. Time) at his residence, Bullion Exchange Refinery Building, Zaveri Bazar, Bombay.

Today's Engagements

BHAGINI SAMAJ MANGUBEN BHULESHWAR CENTRE: Inauguration of Children's Club by His Excellency the Governor, at Wilson High School, Wilson Street, at 5-15 p.m.

THE BOMBAY SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS: Display of Technical, Scientific and Educational Films, at Electric House Colaba, at 6-30 p.m.

THE PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL: Meeting at Council Hall, at 2 p.m.

THE TATA MILLS LTD.: Opening ceremony of the Mill's new Dining Hall, at Parel, at 12 noon.

YOUTHS CULTURAL GROUP: Lecture on Anthropology by Rev. Fr. G. Gilbert, S.J., at Wilson College, Chowpatty, at 6 p.m.

THE HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSN.: Scouters to meet Shri R. K. Sidhwa, M.P., prior to his leaving for Europe, at New Era High School, Hughes Road, at 6 p.m.

CHIKITSAK SAMOOHA AND HASTAKALA VIDYALAYA: Presentation of Hastakala Vidyalaya Diplomas to successful candidates, at Wagle Memorial Hall, Khadilkar Road, Bombay 4, at 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "The Complex Nature of Manas", at Jehangir Wadi Bldg., Opp. Flora Fountain, at 6-15 p.m

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Opening Ceremony of Exhibition of Book Jackets at Durbar Hall (Town Hall) at 6 p.m.

IFL INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: Celebration of Centenary of William Wordsworth and the Shakespeare Anniversary, at the IFL Hall, Menkwa Bldg., Outram Road, Fort, at 7 p.m Mr. Oscar Brown, C.P.M. will preside.

NO COMMENT ON DELHI REPORTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Shri Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, former Governor-General of India, arrived in Bombay this morning by an Air India plane from Madras on a one-day visit 'en route' to New Delhi.

He was received at the Santa Cruz Air Port by Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, Shri V. K. Rao, Secretary to the Chief Minister of Bombay who is indisposed, Shri L. R. Dalal, Resident Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay and an A.D.C. to the Governor, Raja Maharaj Singh.

Approached by the United Press of India air port correspondent in connection with a press report that he was summoned to New Delhi for talks with the President and Prime Minister relating to his appointment as a roving ambassador, the former Governor-General said that he would prefer to remain silent for the present.

Shri Rajagopalachari drove straight from the air port to the Government House where he will rest for the day before continuing his journey to the capital by tomorrow morning's Air India plane.

PROVIDENT FUND AND "FAMILY"

Resolution Before Tenants Body

A resolution of Mr. Shalome Abraham, B.A., J.P. Head Master, David Sassoon High School, Bombay, will move in the annual general meeting of the Bombay Tenants' Association which is to be held on Sunday (30th April) in the Social Service League Hall Bombay:—

"In view of the fact that the joint family system is prevalent in India, the Bombay Tenants' Association urges upon the Government of India to extend the implication of the "Family" to include wife and children and other dependents, and further requests the Government of India to leave a subscriber to Provident Fund free to make provision for his wife children and other dependents."

Exhibition Of Book Jackets

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society has organised an exhibition of Book Jackets in the Durbar Hall, Town Hall.

Several hundred book jackets have been well arranged and displayed so as to attract attention to the "art of the book jacket".

There is a very colourful section of exhibits from children's literature.

The exhibition will be opened on Friday evening at 6 p.m. by Mr. T. D. Waknis, Curator of Libraries, and will remain open till Saturday 6th May.

Move To Check Food Adulteration

LEGISLATION LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE Government of Bombay, it is expected, will shortly enact measures to check more effectively the adulteration of foodstuffs at present going on in the State of Bombay, especially Greater Bombay. It is likely that the Government might introduce the requisite legislation in the next session of the Bombay Legislative Assembly at Poona.

This was disclosed by Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay at his weekly Press Conference, which was attended among others, by Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Government of India's Minister for Works, Mines and Power and Mr. Humphreys, the representative of the London "Daily Mail". Mr. Humphreys was already with the Home Minister when Bombay's pressmen trooped in, while the Minister of the Central Government, came later on a courtesey call.

Mr. Morarji's statement with regard to tightening up the existing penalties with regard to adulteration, was in reply to what some reporters told him that adulteration of milk, ghee, butter and other essential commodities in Bombay, had reached unprecedented heights, and the existing municipal laws were totally inadequate to cope with the offences. It was pointed out to the Minister that a perusal of the list of such offences committed daily in Bombay, would disclose that it was a common practice among petty traders to adulterate ghee to the extent of 90 per cent. butter from 60 to 75 per cent and to water milk indiscriminately. The imposition of small fines, as was being done at present, would never check such offences.

The Minister said that Government were independently considering what was to be done to check such malpractices. In was likely that some necessary measures might be introduced in the next session of the Bombay Legislative Assembly.

He also disclosed that Government had decided that there must be stricter control over the production and distribution of Vanaspati Ghee, and that the product must have a distinctive colouring so that nobody will mistake it for ghee.

TWO P.C. BEER

The Minister also revealed that Government would conduct certain experiments with regard to two per cent beer, in order to determine, what were its effects, and whether a person who consumed large quantities of the stuff, would smell of alcohol. The British Pharmacoepia had laid it down that commodities containing two per cent or less alcohol, should be regarded as non-alcoholic and non-intoxicating. This was the view expressed by many other medical men also. But, Government would independently investigate. He saw no harm in it being drunk on the premises, where it was sold.

"Why do you call it beer", he said, holding that it did not contain anything intoxicating, in spite of the two per cent alcohol.

The Minister expressed his keen concern when it was pointed out to him that Penicillin, and some other important drugs, had disappeared into the Blackmarket, and people were put to a lot of difficulty to procure them. He promised to get inquiries instituted. He also promised to inquire into the difficulties of getting sulpha drugs without a medical certificate, when it was pointed out to the Minister that drugs like Sulphadiazin, had become handy cures for the common cold, influenza and other minor ailments.

During the course of a long-drawn argument about the ineffectiveness of the liaison appointed by the Bombay Police to disseminate information to the Press, Mr. Desai refuted that Government were making anybody "puppets" for giving only that information which Government desired to give, and withholding the rest.

Q.:—By asking police stations not to give any information to reporters, you are interfering with the fundamental right of reporters to glean facts from all sources.

A.:—There is no such fundamental right. Is it anywhere in the Indian Constitution?

Mr. Gadgil, interfering said, "There is something like administrative discipline. In Delhi, each Government department has a public relations' office, and officers don't just go on saying things independently to any reporters who go and ask them questions.

He also got in touch with the Police Commissioner telephonically and suggested that Press Representatives should meet the Commissioner and discuss their difficulties with him.

Sindhi Girl In Trouble

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A young Sindhi under-graduate, Laxmi Ishwardas Balami (22), who stood charged with forgery and personation was committed to sessions by Mr. A. A. Shellim, Presidency Magistrate, Ballard Pier Court, today.

The Paltan Road police who had arrested her on 13-9-49, stated that by forging a document she had induced the Central Bank to part with a sum of Rs. 62-8.

DEAD BODY FOUND ON FOOT PATH

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Yesterday afternoon the dead body of a Hindu (male), aged about 50, dark complexion, medium built, height about 5' 6" grey haired, was found lying on the footpath near J. J. School of Arts. The body was taken charge of the Esplanade Police.

Davashankar Panalal, a Brahmin, aged about 22, fell from a train near V T and died. Investigations are proceeding.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF BIGAMY

Commits Suicide

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Laxman Gokal, who was arrested about a week back on a charge of attempted bigamy and who was later released on bail committed suicide taking cocaine poison.

The facts of the case are that Laxman Gokal who is a dealer in quilts and mattresses wanted to marry a 30 year old widow even when his "fifth" wife by lawful wedlock was lingering on a sick bed.

Frustrated in his attempt by the police he took cocaine poison yesterday. He was removed to the Gokuldas Hospital where he died later on.

Dr. Matthai Leaves For Delhi

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Dr. John Matthai, India's Finance Minister, left Bombay for New Delhi yesterday evening by the Frontier Mail, after a four-day visit to the city.

PENICILLIN ONLY IN BLACK MARKET

BOMBAY, Thursday.

PENICILLIN has become dearer than life itself today and those whose lives could be saved if only this wonder-drug could be available, as it used to be a few weeks ago, have now to leave things to fate and what best alternative drugs can achieve.

Two days ago, an indigent Mopla came panting to the dispensary of a physician in Mazagon. This reporter was present in the consulting room, when the poor man was examined by the doctor.

Handing over his stethescope to the journalist, the doctor said: "This man has got pneumonia. He is in a very bad condition."

The journalist put the stethescope to his ears and found that the mans lungs were choked.

"He must be given a Penicillin injection at once", said the doctor and added that this only could save his life. But the Penicillin was not at all available. He had none. It was only obtainable in the Black Market and then too one could not be sure whether he could get any.

So, the unfortunate Mopla had to go without the Penicillin injection and the perplexed physician had to put him on an alternative treatment.

"Now what are you going to do?" asked the journalist, who himself had purchased Penicillin for some other ailment at a price which was paid through the nose.

Another instance where a young middle-class husband was required to run from one chemist to another and return empty handed, without a single c.c of Penicillin, while his requirements were several c.c.'s, makes still more sorrowful reading.

The young man's wife, a girl of 20 had a miscarriage and she was in a pretty serious condition. Because of delay in securing Penicillin, her condition worsened and she was hovering between life and death.

This happened three days ago. The distracted husband, went to nearly a hundred big and small drug-stores, wholesale and retail medicine dealers, but to no avail. His search for the only drug on which hung the life of his ailing wife by a thin silken thread, proved more fruitless.

At last in sheer disgust he went to someone who knew where Penicillin was available underground. Here he met with some success. The liaison said. "I'll get you the Penicillin, but you will have to pay a Black Market price for it."

The helpless young man had to sell his wife's jewellery to get the Penicillin. He got it from the Black Market.

Gujerat Mail Speeded Up

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In response to the general demand of the travelling public the B. B. and C. I. Railway have introduced revised timings for Janata Express and Gujerat Mail with effect from 1st May 1950.

These new timings—to which the leading bodies including the Railway Passenger Association of Ahmedabad have agreed—will bring Janata Express and the Gujerat Mail earlier to Bombay by 45 and 55 minutes respectively as compared with the existing timings.

Still a further improvement in the timings of these trains will be effected as soon as the heavy Engineering Works now in progress on the line between Bombay and Ahmedabad are completed.

PICKETING BEFORE ASTORIA HOTEL

Two Get 8 Days R.I.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

On a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner in front of the Asteria Hotel, Bombay, thus obstructing the normal working of the hotel, Abdul Rahim and Surat Singh, members of the Hotel Kamgar Union, were awarded eight days' rigorous imprisonment each, by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court.

The first accused was in addition fined Rs. 30 or in default to two days' R.I. on another count.

The accused, who were not employees of the hotel, picketed at the entrance of the hotel on April 16, thus interfering with the functioning of the establishment.

TRIED TO GET RID OF HER HUSBAND

Poisoning Alleged

BOMBAY, Thursday.

How a modern Gertrude poisoned her husband to get rid of him and make way for her lover came to light today.

Dhondibai residing at Sewree was on intimate terms with another man and to do away with the "nuisance" of a husband, she is alleged to have given him poison in his food.

Luckily for the husband, Puja Rama, he was removed to the KEM Hospital in time and his life was saved.

ALLEGED TO HAVE KNIFED ROOM-MATE

Watchman Arrested

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Lalsingh Mulsingh who was alleged to have been stabbing by a Gurkha watchman who was living in the same room with him at Santa Cruz was removed to the KEM Hospital in an unconscious state.

He died last night. The Santa Cruz Police have arrested the Gurkha.

WEDDING RECEPTION AT TAJ

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A distinguished and cosmopolitan gathering of more than 300 people, representing various communities, countries and professions, was present at a reception at the Taj Mahal Hotel given by Mr T. C. Kapur of the Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd., and Mrs. Kapur in connection with the marriage of their son.

The bridegroom Mr. Jagdish Kapur was educated in America and is Air-conditioning and Industrial Engineer and is also a senior technical assistant of the Airconditioning Corporation Ltd., of the Gillanders. The bride Urmilla Bhagat is the daughter of Mr. Hargopal Bhagat of Parco Radios, New Delhi and Mrs. Bhagat.

TODAY'S RADIO

FRIDAY, April 28.

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m, 1-30 p.m, 6, 9; Gugarati 8-45 a.m, 1 p.m. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m, 1-40 p.m 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m, 7-45 p.m Malayalm 7-30 a.m, 7-30 p.m; Marathi 8-30 a.m, 12-50 p.m 8; Tamil 7-15 a m, 7-15 p.m, 8; Tamil 7-15 a m, 7-15 p m Telugu 7- a.m. 1-15 p m 7- p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 D. K. Dholakia, G geets, 8-15 Harbans K Prem, lalit, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 D K. Dholakia, G ghazals, 1-40 Y Menuhin, violin 2-5 Odeon Symp. Orch., 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 G Burhanpurkar, pakhwaj, 5-40 S. K. Joshi, vocal, 6-10 Music lessons, 6-30 Harbans K Prem, purvi, 7-0 Meera Manjeshwar, bhajan 7-10 Locals, 7-20 A Navsarjwala, G geet, 7-30 S. K. Joshi, vocal, 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 D. K Dholakia, G ghazals, 9-30 Film Music, 9-45 College Forum, E, 10-0 Radio Variety, 10-15 G Bennett and His Band.

VARIATIONS 8-0 a.m. G Burhanpurkar, pakhwaj, 8-45 Lalita Parulekar, vocal, 1-0 p.m. Meera Manjeshwar, abhang, 1-10 Anand Lahari, 1-50 For women, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 6-0 Anima Roy, H Songs, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 Anima Roy, H songs, 8-45 Month's song, M 9-0 G Burhanpurkar, pakhwaj tabla. 10-0 Variety 10-30 Harbans K Prem, bihag.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Swar Vilas, 7-45 Today and to-morrow, 7-50 R. D Potdar bhavgeet, 8-15 D. H. Vimadalal, desi, 8-30 R. H. Pandya, sitar, 5-30 p.m For children, 6-10 R H Pandya, sitar, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 Sharau tumhare", 7-15 G talk, "Apanu Rajya", 7-30 D H. Vimadlal, tilak kamod 7-45 R. H. Pandya, sitar, 8-0 R D. Potdar, pad, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 D H Vimadalal, hameer, 9-30 As in Ahmedabad, 9-35 Piyu ratat.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Ashram bhajanvali, 7-40 Salutation, 8-15 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m Folksongs, 5-45 M Mukund, "sneharashmi and Prahlad Parekh", 6-10 As in Baroda, 6-30 Sansar yatra, 6-45 Folksongs, 7-0 Master Mukund, 7-15 Our State, G talk, 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Locals, 8-5 Rajkumari, 8-30 Listeners' requests, 9-30 Orch. composition of J. Mattoo, 9-35 As in Baroda.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE.

7 a.m. Ray's A Laugh, 7-45 British Motor Show in New York 8-15 Special Dispatch 8-45 The Women's programe 9-15 British Orchestral Music 10 Anton And His Orchestra 10-30 Scottish Magazine 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice 11-45 BBC Opera Orchestra 12-45 p.m. Programme Parade 1 The Music of Sid Phillips and His Band 1-30 From the Third Programme. 2-30 Country Magazine 3 Variety Calls The Tune 3-45 Visions of the Future 4 Toni and His Orchestra 4-45 Think on these Things 5 From the Third Programme 5-30 From the Editorials 5-45 London light Concert Orchestra 6-45 Merchant Navy News letter. 7 The Women's Programme 7-30 Radio Newsreel 7-45 BBC Symphony Orchestra 8-45 Jazz Club 9-15 World Affairs. 9-45 New Records 10-30 The Debate Continues.

EASTERN SERVICE' 7-30 p.m. Book of Verse 8 Inglistan Ke Dehat 8-10 Hafta-I. Rawan 8-20 Radio Se Angrezi 8-30 Focus on Britain. 8-45 Hind Ke Dost.

SHIPPING TRADE TO BE RESUMED

Indo-Pakistan Talks Likely

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Normal shipping trade between India and Pakistan is expected to be resumed soon following the signing of the trade pact between the two countries.

Mr. S. Jaganathan, Director-General Shipping, and Mr. P. E. Subramanian, Deputy Director, Shipping, left Bombay for Delhi last Tuesday and are expected to discuss the issue at higher levels.

It will be recalled that all licenses of Pakistan ships to touch Indian ports were cancelled by the Indian Government with the breakdown of trade negotiations recently.

Breach Of Trust Charge Fails

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Presidency Magistrate Mr. M. Nasrullah acquitted Mrs. I. M. Connell the proprietor of James Counnell and Son, of the charge of Criminal Breach of trust in a compiaint filed by one B Colasco a past employee of her firm.

The complainant stated that when he was appointed as a clerk in her firm she passed in his favour a letter of appointment which fixed his salary at Rs. 150 but it was stted therein that he would get only Rs. 85 per month and the balance would be deposited with her till he left the service. A similar letter was passed a year after when his salary was increased to Rs 170 per month out of which he was to get Rs. 95 - every month the balance to be deposited with her till he left the job.

DEFENCE

The defence of the accused was that at no time did she pass such letters. The complainant, according to her, had fraudulently filled in blank letter-forms with such text. She used to give the complainant blank letter-forms signed by her with instructions to make use of them in her absence. The Dy. Superintendent of Customs who was examined in her behalf said that two letters dated May 6 and July 21 1948 were never noted to be received in his office while delivering the judgment the Magistrate remarked that it was very unlikely that an English lady would commit silly spelling mistakes and use such language as was found in those letters.

Besides, the Magistrate remarked that it was strange that for four months after his leaving the service, the complainant did not do anything. In these circumstances, the Magistrate held, it was very doubtful to come to a conclusion that such letters of appointment were actually passed by the accused.

The complainant also was found to have signed salary receipts in another firm for the months of May and June, 1948 which indicated that he could not have joined the accused's firm on May 1 1948 the date of the first alleged letter of appointment.

Mr Fonseca appeared for the complainant Mr A A Peerbhoy with Mr Phiroze R Vakil defended the accused.

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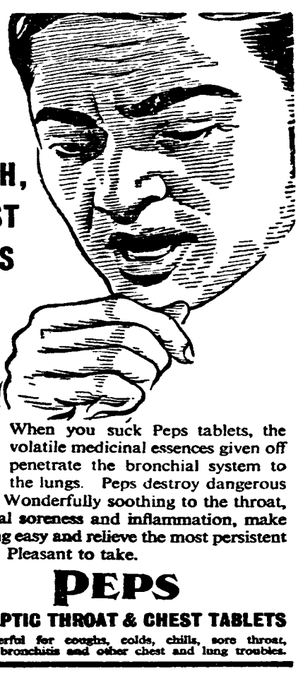

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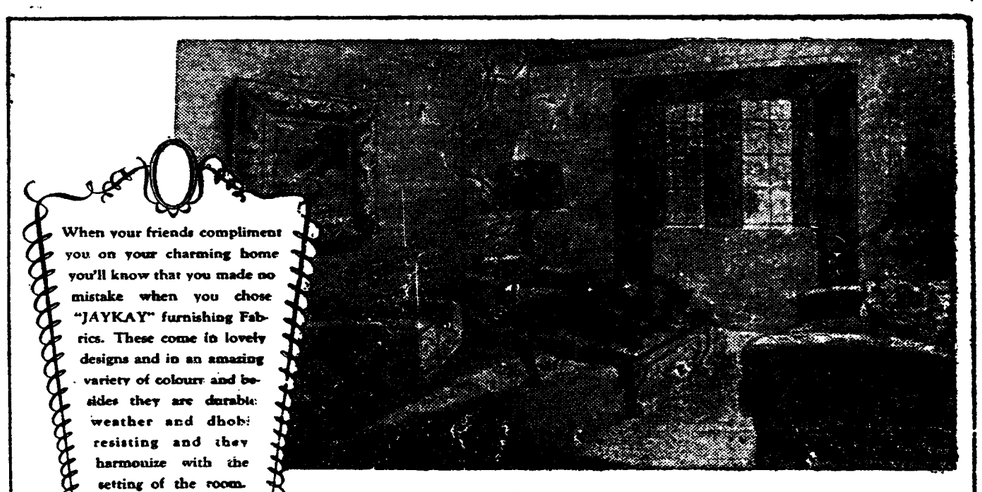
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Entertainment For Children

MISS BENJAMIN ON PROPER CHOICE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay Presidency Women's Club heard Miss Rosemary Benjamin on the subject of Children's Theatre, at the Red Cross office, last evening.

Miss Benjamin, who is the Director of Australian Theatres for Children, studied arts at the Fay Compton Academy, and founded and directed an adult Reptertory Company called the "Lyndinians" which soon became famous. So much is the zeal for her calling that she defrays the expenses of her own tour. She has lectured in Moscow, London and Australia.

Miss Benjamin feels that much could and should be done to provide the right type of entertainment for children, and experience has shown her that an audience of 200 children is better than an audience of 500. She said it was not enough merely to provide entertainment, but that a point should also be made to get the children to ask questions , as this tends to reveal the reactions to what they have seen or heard.

The choice of plays, she said, would depend entirely on the age of the children, and therefore the reactions would vary considerably but in this she alluded to a subtle difference between a child's mind and a childish mind. Generally, fairy stories and animal plays have a wide appeal. Once when she asked the children whether they preferred films to plays, they plumped for plays. In her own programmes she includes cabaret dances of all countries, and tableaus, and the children are asked to vote for what they like best.

A COMBINATION

The best guide to the mental make-up of a child, says Miss Benjamin, is the Children's Club which encourages them to give their own opinions and brings out the reactions in them. To aid in this, she introduces three characters on the stage—the Jester, Columbine and Martha. The jester is ever obliging in his own queer way; Colmbine is the elusive will-o-the-wisp, who is the least liked of the three; Martha is the favourite. She links fantasy with reality, and the children feel quite at home with her and bombard her with all sorts of questions which she answers to their satisfaction and delight.

Indeed, it was all a very eloquent and highly elucidatory discourse that ought to go a long way in introducing Children's Theatres in India, and encouraging Children's Clubs, on the lines sketched by Miss Benjamin.

Amongst those present were Lady Rama Rao, Mrs. Homi Talyarkhan, the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee who incidentally was in the main responsible for the grand success of "April Showers". Mrs. Mitha Lam, who was also there, thanked Miss Benjamin on behalf of the members of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council.

Cloth For Refugees

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 27.

The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, it is learnt, is considering to send cloth to refugees of East Bengal. A proposal is under consideration. A fund for East Bengal refugees is also being collected.

HIND MAZDOOR SABHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NAGPUR, April 27 (PTI).

The six-day annual conference of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha will meet in Hyderabad from May 3.

The Executive Committee of the Sabha will meet on May 3 and 4, the General Council on May 5 and 7 and the open conference on May 6 and 7.

Among the major items on the agenda of the conference, are the Labour Relations and Trade Union Bills and the Sabha's attitude towards other central trade union organisations. The conference will also discuss the labour and economic policies of the Central and State Governments, Indo-Paistan relations and the adoption of a Workers' Charter.

Ahmednagar Rural Board

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Shri D. A. Dharap, Inspector Bombay Provincial Cooperative Bank, Limited, Ahmednagar, has been nominated as a member of the District Rural Development Board, Ahmednagar to represent the Cooperative Banks in the Ahmednagar District.

Assistant Director, Public Health S.R.D. Belgaum, has been nominated as an ex-officio member of the District Rural Development Board, Satara South 'vice' the District Health Officer Satara North.

Bombay Celebration Of Vaishakha Purnima

BOMBAY, Thursday (PTI).

The Buddha Duta Society of Bombay has organised the celebration of "Vaishakha Purnima" on May 1 in commemoration of the birth, enlightenment and "Maha Parinibbana" of Lord Buddha. The Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, will preside over the celebrations on the first day. Bombay's Finance Minister Mr V. L. Mehta will also take part in the festival.

APPRENTICE SCHEME FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Bombay Efforts To Beat Unemployment

BOMBAY, Thursday.

MANY boys in Secondary Schools who might enter industrial occupations, study for S. S. C. Examination, join the University, and then find at the end of an expensive course of studies that they are unable to obtain suitable employment.

The Government of Bombay, who had been considering the question of a remedy for this unsatisfactory state of affairs, sanctioned, at the end of 1936, an apprentice scheme prepared by the Director of Industries, as a beginning in their general scheme for providing suitable vocational training for relieving unemployment among the educated classes.

The Apprentice Scheme comprises the acceptance by a number of industrial establishments in the City of Bombay, of boys whose education has progressed up to the S.S.C. Examination standard, for training for aperoid of 3 to 5 years, according to the nature of the course of apprenticeship. The essential part of the Scheme is that these boys are bound by the terms of an agreement to attend technical classes in the evening during the whole period of their training. Under this arrangement their practical and theoretical training is carried out simultaneously.

This Scheme was given effect to in June 1937 and has now been in continuous operation since that date, as a result of which a large number of boys has been enabled to receive training in various skilled industrial occupations. Those who satisfactorily complete the prescribed courses of apprenticeship under the Scheme have a good opportunity of being absorbed in industrial establishments.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Apprentice Scheme is now in its Fourteenth Year and the Joint Director of Technical Education, Bombay, has invited applications from intending candidates for admission to the Scheme. Ordinarily the selected boys are paid a stipend varying from Rs. 14 to Rs. 30 per month and Dearness Allowance at the commencement by the industrial firms to which they are apprenticed.

Candidates for the admission to the Scheme must have completed the Pre-S.S.C. Examination standard, must be between the ages of 16 and 20, must be bona fide domiciled of the State of Bombay and should be of rooust physique and not afraid of hard manual labour. The condition of domicile will be relaxed in favour of non-Muslim candidates displaced from Paksitan.

There are 25 Government Scholarships of the value of Rs. 25 each per month for the Backward Class Students studying under the Scheme. These Scholarships will be awarded to the deserving backward class students.

Intending candidates may apply on or before May 15, 1950 to the Joint Director of Technical Education, Elphinstone Technical High School Building, Dhobi Talao, Bombay, for a copy of the general prospectus containing the full details of the scheme, and the form of the application. No forms will be supplied to the candidates after that date. The last date for receipt of applications this year is May 20, 1950.

TAGAI LOANS FOR BUNDING OF FIELDS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government has sanctioned the continuance of the scheme of bunding fields and repairing the existing bunds in Bhal tract of the Ahmedabad District. An amount of Rs. 2,50,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Collector of Ahmedabad for the period of the current financial year, for advancing tagai loans and subsidies to the cultivators in Bhal tract.

SALE OF CATTLE TO BE REGULATED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Under the Bombay Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, the Government of Bombay intends to regulate the purchase and sale of cattle in addition to that of cotton (ginned and unginned,, groundnut (shelled and unshelled) udid, mug, tur, gram, and sesamum in the area of Shahada Taluka in the West Khandesh District.

Any objections or suggestions which will be received by Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Development Department, on or before May 31, 1950 will be considered by the Government.

Future Of English

BOMBAY, Thursday: The British Council in India is organising a two week's summer course at Government House, Mahabaleshwar, for educationists, administrators, university professors of English, and secondary school teachers of English. The course which will be held from May 3 to 13, will afford teachers an opportunity to discuss the changes that the future will bring in the teaching of English in India.

Foreign Liquor Permits

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The work of the medical examination of applicants for foreign liquor permits from Colaba, Fort, Bori Bunder, Dongri and Mandvi areas of Bombay City has been transferred to the 4th Presidency Surgeon. Pending the appointment of this Officer Dr. S. S. Kanekar of St. George's Hospital, Bombay, will do this work.

MADRAS LAND TAX REDUCTION

Practically Complete

MADRAS, April 27 (PTI).

"The Madras Government has practically completed the process of reduction of Land Tax in the zamindari and other types of estate villages in the State," Mr. H. Sitarama Reddi, Revenue Minister, Madras, said today.

He said out of the total of 22,567 estate villages—where ryots had been paying high rates of Land Tax for over a century—the Land Tax had been reduced in 21,831 villages. In these villages the rent had been reduced to the level obtaining in the adjoining ryotwari (Government) areas.

The Minister said the State Government expected to complete rent reduction in the remaining 736 villages by the end of this month.

He said the completion of the rent reduction work marked an important stage in the abolition of estates. The next step was to take over the estates on payment of compensation to the landholders.

The Madras Government has hitherto acquired 42 major zamindari estates and 3,500 inam estates, extending over an area of 14 million acres.

REQUEST TURNED DOWN

Delhi Municipal Tug Of War

NEW DELHI, April 27 (UPI).

The Delhi Municipal Committee, at its weekly meeting today turned down the request of the Chief Commissioner to lease to him a plot of land near Jama Masjid for the establishment of a provincial dispensary under the Employees' State Insurance scheme.

Following as it does, a rather strong note from the Chief Commissioner on this issue, the Committee's "no" to him has assumed much greater significance than it otherwise would have had.

It may be mentioned that the Chief Commissioner has ample executive powers to override any decision of the Municipal Committee.

Smuggled Liquor In Cycle Tubes: Suspect Arrested

(From Our Correspondent).

HUBLI, April 27: One Mallappa Nilappa Hosmani of this place who was alleged to have been taking with him illicit liquor filled in cycle tubes has been arrested by the Suburban police.

Land Revenue In Saurashtra

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

THE Government of Saurashtra have had, for some considerable time, under their consideration the agrarian problems of Saurashtra with special reference to the relations between land-holders and their tenants.

They feel that the time has come when there should be expert investigation of these problems so that a permanent arrangement could be thought out which is fair to all interests concerned. The Government of India have discussed this question with the Government of Saurashtra and in consultation with them have decided to appoint a Commission to study the revenue and tenancy problems of Saurashtra and make suitable recommendations, in order that this question may be settled in a satisfactory manner.

The Commission will consist of Shri Janardan Madan, Shri D. V. Rege and Shri Mane Patil.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Commission will be to examine and report on:

(1) The history and the present position of the relations between land-holders and their tenants in non-Khalsa areas (Note: The word land-holder would include inter alia, a zamindar, jagirdar, girasdar, talukdar, bhayat, bhagdar, peta bhagdar, mul girasia, barkhalidar, inamdar and jiwaidar);

(2) The state of land revenue administration including survey, settlement, maintenance of village records in the non-Khalsa areas of Saurashtra;

(3) The existing tenancy legislation regulating the relations between land-holders and the tenant, the mode of realisation of rent, the status of the tenant and the security of the tenure and quantum of gharkhed, if any, to be given to the land-holders;

(4) The need and the desirability of re-determining in the light of present day conditions and the requirements of modern administration and in particular, the need for improving agrarian conditions, the respective shares of the State, the land holder and the cultivator in the produce and the assets of the holding;

(5) The desirability of extinguishing differences between the Khalsa and non-Khalsa areas so that a uniform land revenue and land tenure system is established throughout Saurashtra, the manner in which this should be brought about and the administrative organisation and legislation necessary therefor;

(6) The steps to be taken to improve the economic condition of the smaller land holders and tenants having regard to the effects of tenancy and agrarian reform on them; and

(7) Any other constituent and/or cognate matters which the Commission may consider as arising out of the foregoing terms of reference.

EVICTION ISSUE

It is desirable that some definite relationships between the tenants and the land-holders should exist during the period the Commission makes its report and Government take their decisions thereon. It has been decided that there shall be no eviction during this period for the purposes of gharkhed and that the rent payable by the tenants to the land-holder shall be two times the assessment or the usual crop shares of 1/4th and 1/5th, at the option of the tenant.

Legislation necessary to hold in abeyance the relevant provisions of the Saurashtra (Gharkhed) Tenancy, Settlements and Agricultural Lands Ordinance 1949, in order to give effect to this decision, is being undertaken.

BUSINESS MAGNATE SENTENCED

(Before the Bombay Special Tribunal)

The State
Versus

1. The J. K. Gas Manfg. Co. (Rampur) Ltd.
2. Juggilal Kamlapat (Rampur) Ltd
3. Lala Kailashpat Singhania
4. B. B. Mathur
5. S. K. Seth ..... Accused

The second acused company was the Managing Agent of the first accused company, and the third accused was a director of both these companies The fourth accused was the factory director, and the fifth accused was the manager of the first accused company at the relevant date.

The Government of India from time to time granted licenses to the first accused company for acquisition of iron and steel from recognized stockists for the purpose of manufacturing gas plants. The first and second accused companies obtained about 82 tons of iron and steel which was despatched by certain stockists from Delhi to Rampur where the factory of the first three accused was situated

The accused were then alleged to have obtained in August 1943 a priority certificate on the false representation that the goods were meant for Bombay. On arrival of the goods in Bombay, the accused were alleged to have disposed of these goods in November and December 1943 to unauthorised persons in the black market, in contravention of the terms of their licenses. On that two prosecutions were launched against the accused,—one called the "Movement Case" in which the accused were charged under section 81(4) of the Defence of India Rules read with the Iron and Steel (Movement by Rail) Order for having transported the goods without a valid priority certificate, and the other called the "Disposals Case" in which the accused were charged under Rule 81(4) and Rule 122 of the Defence of India Rules read with the Iron and Steel (Control of Production and Distribution) Order for the wrongful disposal of the goods.

JUDGMENT

After a protracted trial lasting over two years, the Tribunal consisting of Mr. Ralli as President, and Mr. R. B. Mehta and Mr. S. B. Jathar as members, delivered judgment on Monday last.

As far as the Disposals Case was concerned, the Tribunal found the first four accused guilty but acquitted the fifth accused because in their opinion he had nothing to do with the wrongful disposal of the goods in Bombay. The first two accused being Companies, the Tribunal sentenced each of them only to a sentence of fine of Rs. 50,000. The third and the fourth accused were sentenced by the Tribunal to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of six months and to a fine of Rs. 25,000 each.

As far as the Movement Case was concerned, the Tribunal held that as the offence, if any, had been committed at Rampur which was situated outside British India as it then was, it had no jurisdiction to try the case. It therefore ordered all the accused in the Movement Case to be acquitted.

The Tribunal rejected an application for bail made on behalf of the third and fourth accused, on the ground that the offence being a non-bailable one, they had no power to grant bail. Bail was, however, granted to them by the High Court the next day on an application made to the Vacation Judge Mr. Justice Dixit, who ordered accused 3 to be released on his paying the fine and executing a bailbond in the sum of Rs. 25,000 with two sureties for the like amount, and accused 4 to be released on his paying the fine and executing a bail-bond in the sum of Rs. 15,000 with two sureties for the like amount.

Mr. G. N. Joshi and Mr. B. D. Boovariwalla instructed by Mr. S. R. Vakil appeared for the State

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, Mr. V. F. Taraporevala and Mr. J. M. Thakore instructed by Messrs Malvi Ranchhoddas and Co., appeared for accused 1, 2 and 3.

Mr. Gupta Bhaya and Mr. R. S. Dixit appeared for accused 4.

Mr. K. A. Somjee instructed by Messrs. Malvi Ranchhoddas and Co., appeared for accused 5.

CENTRE'S LOAN FOR MINOR IRRIGATION

Minister Explains Plans For Proper Utilization

BOMBAY, Thursday

"IF we can utilise properly the first instalment of loan of Rs. 50 lakhs out of one crore sanctioned by the Central Government, then we can rightly get second instalment of Rs. 50 lakhs next year" said Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Minister for Public Works, Bombay, while addressing a representative gathering of officials and non-officials at Nasik on April 25.

He added that Rs. 50 could be spent on every acre but every scheme or project should at least irrigate land not less than 50 acres. One third of the expenditure on such small irrigation schemes must be borne by the agriculturists themselves, while the Government would be contributing remaining, two-third, he said. Backward areas might be given special concession. Total amount of Rs. 1 crore would not be equally distributed among all districts because of the peculiar circumstances in each district. But necessary sums would be handed over to the districts on completion of desired projects. Executive Engineers were empowered to take up any scheme up to Rs. 5,000 while a Superintending Engineer could carry out the scheme costing Rs. 10,000, he pointed out.

The Minister further made it clear that grant of Rs. 50,000 which was being allotted to each district for irrigation by the Government would be continued.

The Collectors of East and West Khandesh, Thana, Ahmednagar, Kolaba and Poona, Secretaries of District Rural Development Boards and officers of P.W.D. attended the meeting.

CONFERENCE: The All-India Handloom Weavers Congress will hold its fourth annual conference in Sholapur towards the end of the next month, it is learnt. Prof. N.G. Ranga is expected to preside over the conference which will be attended by over 300 delegates from all over India.

CITY SEEDS TRADERS FETE S. K. PATIL

Mayor Gives Advice To Big Business

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Businessmen and industrialsts should not forget the larger interests of the country while pursuing their self-interests, declared Shri S.K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, speaking at a 'reception' given by the Seeds Traders' Association in honour of Shri Tulsidas Kilachand the newly-elected President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the Taj Mahal Hotel this evening.

He appealer to the business community to continue to give their whole-hearted support to the Government as unflinchingly in the task of building up a democratic, sovereign Republic as they had done in the era of fight for foreedom.

This was the age of "have-nots", of people who clamoured for better standards of living he continued, but he would counsel 'patience' to them—patience with the existing state of affairs for a few more years till things improved.

Finally he sounded a warning that captains of industry not only carried with them a position of honour, but also grave responsibilities.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Earlier Mangodal Trikamdas vice-President of the Association welcoming the guest of honour put before the Federation and the Government the problem of growing middle-class unemployment and the economic distress which resulted from it. He hoped that both the new president and the Government will give serious thought to revising the policy o fcontrols which was promarily responsible for this distress.

Shri Tulsidas Kilachand replying to the address assured the business community that he as the president of the Federation would do all that lay within his powers to tackle this grave question.

But he asked the members always to think, not in narrow terms of profits for themselves, but in the larger and wider terms of the good of the country.

Shri Morarji Desai, Home Minister, and leading businessmen were present.

AGRARIAN REFORMS IN SAURASHTRA

3-Man Committee To Be Appointed

RAJKOT, April 27, (PTI): The Government of Saurashtra has decided to appoint a three-man committee to examine Saurashtra's agrarian problems, Mr. U. N. Dheber, Chief Minister, announced here today.

The Committee will consist of Mr D. V Rege, Adviser to the Government of Saurashtra, Mr. Janardan Madan, former Chairman of the Saurashtra Public Service Commission and Mr. Mane Patil, Collector of the Zalawad District of Saurashtra.

The terms of reference of the Committee include the existing legislation regulating the relations between land-holders and tenants, the mode of realisation of rent, security of tenure, and the question of introducing uniform land revenue and land tenure system throughout the State.

The Committee will hold its first meeting next month It is expected that it will prepare its report in six months.

Father And Son Robbed And Murdered

(From Our Correspondent).

HUBLI, April 27: According to a report reaching here, both son and father who had been to Harihar in connection with the recent festival, were found murdered and cash worth about Rs 12,000 was stolen from their possession.

Some persons have been arrested in this connection and further investigation is proceeding.

Advocate Sentenced To Death

NAGPUR April 27 (UPI).—R. G. Limse, an advocate of the Nagpur High Court, who was prosecuted on a charge of murder of one Dattu Patil of Tiroda village, was sentenced to death by the District and Sessions Judge today. Two other accused Shaligram and Kisan Rao were sentenced to transportation for life.

MURDER: A gruesome murder came to light on Wednesday when the people in Shabaganj Area, Aurangabad, saw the dead body of Seth Asakaran in his house, his neck and body tided with rope and the mouth completely gagged with a piece of cloth.

It is presumed, the miscreatnts took the opportunity to commit the murder when Seth Asakaran was all alone in the house. The police is investigating into the case.

Touring M.P.s In Poona

VISIT WALCHAND FARM

POONA, April 27, (PTI):— The party of thirty M.P.'s touring the industrial centres arrived in Poona this morning from Walchandnagar and left immediately for Cochin.

"A rural touch" was given to the industrial tour when the party visited the agricultural farm of the Walchand industries where agricultural farming is carried on a modern and mechanised lines.

The M.P.s spent some time seeing tractors and other modern agricultural implements at work and also saw the sugar factory attached to the farm

The average yield per acre of sugar cane in the farm, it was stated, was about 40 tons. The farm also obtained the prize this year for the largest yield of sugarcane per acre on a single plot of land, which was 122.5 tons per acre.

A plant for manufacturing paper from the sugar cane waste is also being set up on the estate. The plant which was manufactured in Bombay, is expected to go into production some time this year.

M.P.s IN COCHIN

ERNAKULAM, April 27 (P.T.I.): A party of thirty-four members of Parliament, who are on tour of the industrial units of India, arrived here by special plane from Poona this afternoon and immediately left for Alwaye to see the working of the fertilisers, glass and aluminium factories and also the rayon factory at Perambavoor, about 15 miles from Alwaye.

The party will be returning to Cochin tomorrow morning when they will visit the Tata Oil Mills here.

The party is also expected to inspect the site for the establishment of a monazite factory at Alwaye.

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MOHUN BAGAN BEATEN IN BEIGHTON CUP REPLAY

Calcutta Customs Win By A Solitary Goal

CALCUTTA, April 27 (PTI).

Sikh Regiment, Ambala winners of the Bombay Invitation Hockey Tournament, entered the quarter finals of the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament this evening defeating Mohun Bagan in a replay by two goals to nil. Both the goals were scored in extra time. In another replay of the second round match Calcutta Customs, the League champions, beat Dalhousie by the only goal of the match.

Playing a superior game throughout, the Military accounted for the league runners up, and, the scoring could have been easily higher had the winners availed of chances lost due to hesitancy. The outcome of the game was never in doubt from its commencement.

Harbux Singh, the Ambala inside right was the brain behind almost all movements created by his team, and he sent out some through passes seldom seen in local hockey.

Sikh Regiment had a whip hand over the game for the first twenty minutes of the initial half and they broke away from the start. Harbux Singh advanced in the first minute but was deprived by Keshav Datt in the Mohun Bagan circle. Dalip Singh, outside right next tested Sen, Mohun Bagan keeper, but the latter saved. The soldiers forced two short corners in the fifteenth and nineteenth minutes but to no purpose.

Mohun Bagan relieved pressure and in the twenty-third minute P. Rao, outside left, initiated a movement and passed on to Kushal, inside left, but before he could take a shot one of the winners' defenders cleared at the cost of a short corner. This was without any result

In the concluding half there was midfield play for ten minutes after which Mohun Bagan reshuffled their forwards. But this did not produce the desired result.

Full time producing no result fourteen minutes extra time had to be played. The Military pressed again and in the third minute B. Sen saved from Mohan Singh, centre forward. The losers conceded two short corners from the second of which Jarnail Singh, the Regimental right half, scored in the seventh minute. With the start of the second part of the extra time, Mohun Bagan went all out for an equaliser and from one of their raids, Kunwal, inside right shot well but Khusdev Singh, the Military keeper, rose to the occasion and saved. After this Kunwal had to retire with a sprained leg. His withdrawal had a demoralising effect on his team and four minutes from end the winners scored their second goal.

Teams:

SIKH REGIMENT, AMBALA: Khusdev Singh, Ajit Singh and Harbans Singh: Jarnail Singh, Harjit Singh and Inder Singh: Dalip Singh, Harbux Singh, Mohan Singh, Hardyal Singh and Sadhu Singh.

MOHUN BAGAN: B. Sen, D. Banerji and D. Pal: S. Roy Choudhury, Keshav Datt and S. Chakravarty: K. Mitter, Kunwal Singh, S. Kapoor, Kushal Singh and P. Rao.

Umpires: N. Jennings and P. C Dutta.

Dalhousie played much below form and the winners dominated the exchanges right from the start.

The losers broke away only twice but their efforts were nipped in the bud by the clever game of Glaudius, Customs right half.

The mattch winner came in the third minute of the first half as a result of a penalty bully. From a movement started by Raj Kapoor, Customs inside left, Ward, centre forward, tested Kenny, the Dalhousie goal keeper, who saved. From the ineffective clearance Raj Kapoor hit again but Kenny in an effort to save fell own on the ball. Ravi Deo, Customs centre half, scored from the penalty fully awarded as a result of this infringement.

Cricket At Karwar

(By Our Correspondent)

KARWAR, April 24: Since Prof. Deodhar's Cricket XI visited Karwar, in last November, the dormant interest and enthusiasm of the youth of Karwar have been roused, resulting in the bringing up of a couple of local cricket clubs. These clubs, in co-operation with the local cricket enthusiasts have organised a Cricket Tournament, under the name of "Subhas Cricket Cup Tournament".

"The Subhas Cricket Cup Tournament" which commenced on April 15, concluded its two rounds on Sunday, April 24. Four Clubs—National Club XI, Alpine Club XI, Revenue Officials XI and Local XI have participated in the above tournament. In the first round the Apine Club XI led by Fredy Roche defeated the National XI captained by N.R. Shirodkar by eight wickkets and two runs. In the second round the Revenue Club XI led by I.S. Gonsalves defeated, the Local XI captained by K.D. Nadkarni, by virtue of its first innings' lead of five runs. The finals of the tournament in which the Alpine XI will meet the Revenue XI will be played on the next Saturday and Sunday.

In the Day's Sport

FOOTBALL

Cooperage:
4-30 p.m. Fort Harijans vs. Farades.
5-30 p.m. Karnatak "A" vs. General Motors.

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel:
4-40 p.m. Assnora Blues vs. St. Stephens.
5-40 p.m. Fatrade vs. Youths Union.

Naigaum Police Ground:
5-30 p.m. G. B. Police vs. Elphinstone Mills.

G. I. P. Railway Ground, Parel:
4-30 p.m. Bombay Metal and Alloys vs. Mazagoan Dock "B".

FELLOWSHIP GIRLS WIN EASILY

Schools Table Tennis Tournament

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Fellowship High School won both the first and second places by beating Alexandra Girls' English Institution in the Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament for Girls which was played in the hall of the latter school.

There were only four entries and only these two schools — namely Fellowship High School and Alexandra Girls' English Institution — entered in this Tournament for Girls — organised and conducted by the Bombay High School Athletic Association.

There were only three matches to be played as "A" and "B" teams were entered by both the Schools; and the whole Tournament was played and finished within one and a quarter hour.

The first match was played between Nirmala Merchant — "A" player of Fellowship High School and Gul Japanwalla — "A" player from Alexandra Girl's English Institution. Nirmala won the match in two straight games scores being 22-20; and 21-18.

In the second tie Ranjan Jhaveri — "B" player of Fellowship H. S. was opposed to Nergez Petigera — "B" player from Alexandra Girl's English Institution. Ranjan Jhaveri defeated her rival very easily also in two straight sets at 21-14 and 21-17.

The final was contested by "A" and "B" players of the Fellowship School. Ranjan Jhaveri fully extended her colleague Nirmala Merchant before going down to her in a very well-contested match and which went to full five sets before Nirmala Merchant emerged victorious with the scores 21-18; 24-26; 21-18; 10-21 and 21-18, in favour of the winner.

The results were as under;

Nirmala Merchant (Fellowship H. S. "A") beat Gul Japanwalla (Alexandra Girl's English Institution "A") 22-20; 21-18.

Ranjan Jhaveri (Fellowship H. S. "B") beat Nergez Petigera (Alexandra Girls' English Institution "B") 21-14; 21-17.

FINAL: Nirmala Merchant (Fellowship H. S. "A") beat Ranjan Jhaveri (Fellowship H. S. "B") 21-18; 24-26; 21-18; 10-21; 21-18.

Finch To Defend Newly-Won Title

LONDON, April 26 (PTI-Reuter)—Albert Finch who won the British middleweight title from Dick Turpin on Monday will after all defend his newly won crown.

After the fight on Monday night, Mr. Jack Burns, Finch's manager, stated that owing to weight difficulties Finch would not defend the title and intended moving up into the cruiserweight division

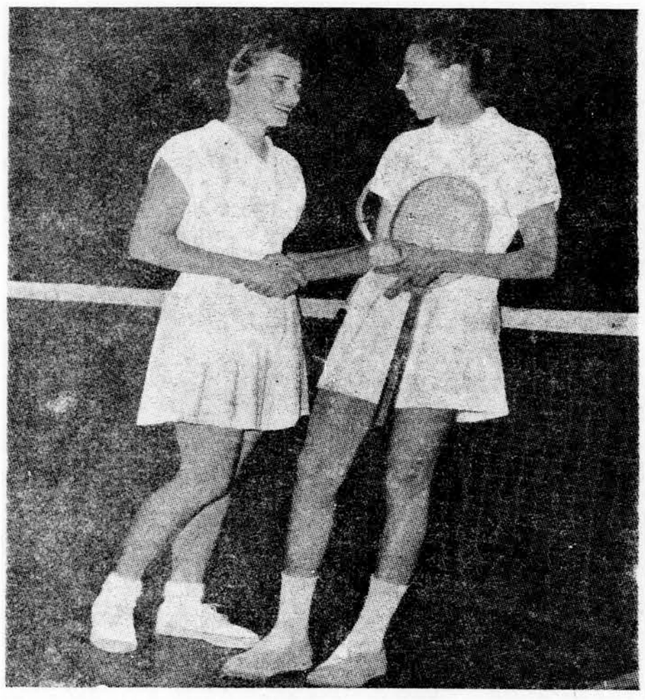
Finch has thought the matter over and explained that although he intends to meet cruiserweights for a time and take rest from "sweating", he would defend the title in due course.

Hockey In Poona To Be Played On Turf

POONA, April 26 (PTI)—Hockey tournaments in Poona will in future be played on turf.

The first major tournament to be played on the new ground at Kirkee will be the Maharashtra Hockey Association open tournament which commences from May 15.

WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMP.



Miss Nancy Chaffee (left) receiving the congratulations of Miss Althea Gibson, the first negro contender ever to reach the final of the U.S. National Tennis Championships, when she won the U.S. Women's National Indoor Tennis Championships at New York beating her opponent in straight sets.

Liverpool Make Two Changes In Team For F.A. Cup Final

LIVERPOOL, April 26, (PTI-Reuter).

LIVERPOOL have made two changes, one positional, from the side which beat Everton in the semi-final, for the Football Association Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley on Saturday.

The team is C. Gidlow, R. Lambert, E. Spicer, P. Taylor, L. Hughes, W. Jones, J. Payne, K. Baron, A. Stubbins, W. Fagan, W. Liddell, Twelfthman: R. Paisley.

Hughes returns to centrehalf and Jones switches to left half in place of Paisley, who will travel as reserve. As expected, Baron retains his place at inside-right in preference to Balmer, the Club captain.

Goalkeeper Gidlow is still under treatment for injury but is certain to be fit in time.

The players did light ball training today and will also practise tomorrow before leaving for Weybridge.

Arsenal, who are not expected to announce their team before tomorrow afternoon, played glof today.

Pakistan Junior Champions To Watch Wimbledon Tennis

LAHORE, April 2 6(PTI-Reuter)—The All-Pakistan Lawn Tennis Association has received an invitation from the committee of management of the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships asking the association to send two junior tennis champions —a boy and a girl—to witness the Wimbledon Championships commencing on July 2, it was learned here today.

OBAIDULLAH KHAN GOLD CUP HOCKEY

BHOPAL, Tuesday.

The All-India Obaidullah Khan Gold Cup Hockey Tournament which is held in Bhopal every year, is, this year, commencing here on the 12th May, 1950. It is expected that the prominent teams of the country will cooperate and help to make the tournament a success by participating in it as usual.

Governor's Cup Day At Ooty

FOURTEEN ACCEPT FOR CHIEF EVENT

OOTACAMUND, April 27 (PTI).—Following are the acceptances for third day's races. Ootacamund meeting to be held on Saturday April 29 The first race starts at 2-45 p.m.

THE SERINGAPATAM PLATE—Seven Furlongs

Maha 9.4, Mountain Ash 9.2, Khalaf Al Hawa 8.4, Al Ameen II 8.4, Black Hazard 8.4, Nassr Daud 8.1, Khalid Zobae 7.10 and Pride of Sethu 7.8.

THE FERNHILL PLATE (Div. I) Seven Furlongs

Little Star 9.4, Dulhan 9.4, Rooney Girl 9.3, Palmy Days 9.3, Lily of the Valley 9.1, Peace 9.0 and Gay Wren 8.10.

THE MYSORE PLATE—One Mills.

Abu Muslim 9.9, Officer 9.3, Amal Al Shabab 8.0, Janab 7.11, Abjar Suad 7.6, Sharjeel 7.4 and Young Krush 7.4.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP—One Mile

Hooded Terror 9.4, Musena 9.2, Camlin 9.0, Surprising 8.9, Windsor Lass 8.9, Notice 8.6, Hunter 8.4, Broken Nask 8.4, Arch Girl 8.2, Flora 8.1, The Chief 8.0, Kubaira 7.12, Lady Limarch 7.4 and Verey Light 7.4.

THE PATAN PLATE—Six Furlongs.

..Yankee Doodle 9.4, Jehangir 9.4, Favourite 9.0, Grey Chance 8.10, Fireworks 8.8, Babul 8.8, Kalyan 8.8, Royal Gambler 8.5, Rubayat 8.,, Happiness 8.3, Devi Dayal 8.1, Oracle 7.11, Victory March 7.11 and Sarojini 7.11.

THE FERNHILL PLATE (Div. II)—Seven Furlongs

Royal Prince 9.4, Robin Adair 8.12, Kushroo, 8.8, Royal Blessings 8.7, Pine Flower 8.7, Gay Count 8.4, Celeste 7.10, Dominic's Girl 7.8 and Night Frolic 7.4.

TWO VACANCIES FOR WORLD CUP TOURNEY

GLASSGOW, April 26 (PTI-Reuter).

The decision of the Scottish Football Association not to compete in the World Cup series means that there are now two vacancies to complete the sixteen teams for the finals at Rio de Janeiro. Turkey withdrew recently and the position will be discussed at a meeting of the World Cup Organising Committee in London on Sunday and further invitations will probably be issued.

Scotland had a special executive committee meeting today when the whole question of their participation was discussed. Scotland had intimated that they would compete only if they retained the home international championship but they lost that to England earlier this month. Persuasion was brought to bear to make Scotland change their mind but after due consideration today it was announced that having entered the competition under certain conditions in agreement with other international associations they could not now depart from their previous decision.

Belgian Army Beats British Army

BRUSSELS, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): Belgian Army footballers owed much to their defence today when they beat the British Army by three goals to nil in the Kentish Cup match here.

JUNIOR HARWOOD FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Irwin D'Souza's Hat-Trick For Don Bosco

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Don Bosco High School and St. Sebastian's 'B' are now locked in a neck to neck struggle for supremacy in the Fifth division of the Harwood Football League which is confined to schools.

By virtue of their victories this evening over St. Andrew's by six goals to nil, Don Bosco's have a slight advantage over St. Sebastian's 'B' who won by only three goals to one against Ahmed Sailor High School in the material shape of a goal average both sides having gained 11 points in their six games played so far.

Irwin D'Souza and Pakrasi helped by Rozario D'Souza have proved to be grand opportunists and dribblers. They have the art of also combining well. Irwin scored thrice, Pakrasi twice and Rozario once for the winners.

St. Sebastian's 'B' made up their score through their consistent scorers M. Mines Anthony Rebeiro and P. Mendis but Masqood reduced the margin.

On the G.I.P. Railway Ground Antonio da Silva High School and S.I.E.S. were concerned in a goalless draw.

The all important game in the deciding game of the fifth division of the league which is now nearly complete will be played on Saturday at 5-30 p.m. at the Cooperage.

On the Naigaum Police ground National Electric India scored a solitary goal to beat Mazagaon Dock 'A' Mascarenhas scored for the winners.

Later, Bombay Port Trust beat Lever Sports 'B' the odd goal in three. Gama and Martin scored for them while Govind scored the reducer for the losers.

In the third game at St. Xavier's College ground Dufferin beat Bhoiwad by the odd goal in three Myersi and Paul scored for the former while Mahadeo reduced the margin.

MASKED LIGHT MAY NOT RUN IN DERBY

Stamina Main Reason For Withdrawal

LONDON, April 27 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Masked Light, who finished third in yesterday's 2,000 Guineas, and has been knocked out to 20 to 1 for the Derby is not certain to run in the Derby and his plan of campaign for the rest of the season will depend on his stamina.

Mr. Edward Wanless, who owns Masked Light in partnership with Mr. R. W. Pallister, said today: "We are not sure that Masked Light stays, and we have not yet decided whether he will meet his next engagement in a mile and a half race at York."

M.C.C. INVITATION HOCKEY TOURNEY

MADRAS, April 27 (P.T.I): The Madras United Club, a leading local team, defeated the seeded Indian Wanderers of Bangalore by one goal to nil in the quarter-final of the Madras Cricket Club Invitation Hockey Tournament here today. Inside-right Celestine scored the goal for the United Club in the 15th minute of the first half off a melee.

The narrow margin of victory was not a fair index of the game as the winners monopolised the exchanges throughout the sixty minutes of play. In the second half the Bangalore team tried their best to save the match but the local team's defence prove dimpregnable.

An interesting feature of the match was the record number of short corners — more than twelve — awarded to the Madras United Club. But all of them proved abortive.

PRESIDENCY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

National F.C. Beat Netaji S.C. By Two Goals To One

MADRAS, April 27 (P.T.I): The National Football Club from Kolar Gold Fields entered the quarter-final of the Presidency Football Tournament here today, beating the Netaji Sports Club by two goals to one in the third round.

Inside-right Narayanan opened the account for the visitors in the twelfth minute of the initial session. Left-half Appadurai increased the lead in the tenth minute of the second-half. Ten minutes before close of play, inside-left Ekambaram reduced the margin for the losers, converting a penalty kick.

The winners meet the Eleven Hunters from Hyderabad on Sunday.

Banquise III To Race In 1000 Guineas

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter):—Banquise III to be ridden by T. Gosling has been added to the list of probable runners for tomorrow's One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket, making seventeen probable runners.

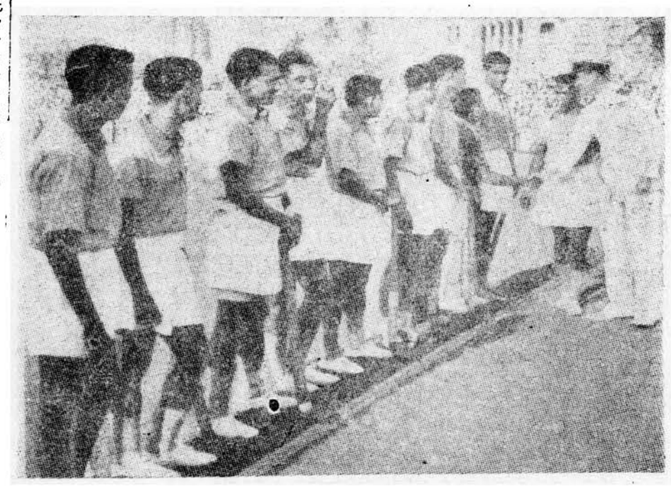
'LUSIS' AND TATAS LEAVE FOR CALCUTTA

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Beighton Cup holders and this year's winners of the Aga Khan Hockey Cup, Tata Sports left for Calcutta this evening

Lusitanians also made the trip by the same train. A large crowd was present at the station to wish the teams luck.

AGA KHAN CHAMPIONS



The Aga Khan Hockey Trophy returned to Bombay after lapse of six years due to Tata's splendid solitary goal win over East Punjab Police, the holders. The picture shows Commander Inigo Jones being introduced to the Tata side before the commencement of the game by R. S. Gentle, the Captain.

BURMAH SHELL TO MEET RASHID'S IN SEMI-FINAL

Santan Performs Hat-Trick In Nadkarni Cup Football

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Burmah Shell earned the right to meet Rashid's in the semi-final of the Nadkarni Cup Football tournament by virtue of their four goal victory over Rainbow Sports at the Cooperage this evening. The highlight of the days play was the sterling performance of Santan, the Shell inside left who scored three goals thus performing the coveted hat trick.

It is not surprising that the Oilmen gained such an easy victory. Undoubtedly the best combination this season is theirs for though Peter their star player of yester year is not assisting them, they have benefited considerably by their inclusion in their ranks of Middlecoat, former Trades pivot who is quite at home with any side. Besides Middlecoat, there is that speedy left outer Maxie Fernandes who was responsible for pulling Trades around to victory at the critical moment last year. Still two more players well known as stalwarts in deep defence St. Anne of St. Francis Goan's and Vaidva of the Goan's make the opposing sides attack look tame by their first time tackling. Shell are a balanced side.

Rainbow Sports a junior side in this tournament have but two players of note. Waghela a tower of strength in defence and Ishwar Rao a nippy forward. The rest of the players do their best, but against odds they fade away

Burmah Shell opened in storming fashion and piling pressure scored through Santan their inside-left five minutes from the start. Taking hold of this advantage Shell netted again through the same player. This seemed to rattle the Rainbow side and the left back Waghela fouled outside left A. P. Fernandes in the danger zone and referee Godinho pointed to the dreaded spot. Santan converted to give his side their third goal and also perform his own hat-trick.

In the second half the losing side crept into the picture, but weak finishing efforts proved their undoing. The worst offenders in this respect were Michael and Oscar.

Burmah Shell got into their stride again and earned a goal later in the second period through Maxie Fernandes. Tempers were frayed at this stage but there was no serious outcome.

The teams:

BURMAH SHELL: Santiago: St. Anne, Vaidya; A. Francis, Middlecoat, Pinto; Maxie Fernandes, Rego, Michael, Santan, A. P. Fernandes.

RAINBOW S.C.: Islam. Waghela, George; J. Martin, John, Sawlaram; D'Sa, Oscar, Michael, Ishwar Rao Gopal.

Referee: C. X. Godinho.

ASIAN ASSURANCE WIN

The earlier tie between Hill XI 'B' and Asian Assurance in the Summersgill Cup Football tournament resulted in a solitary goal win for the latter scored by inside right V. K. Shetty from a somewhat disputed off side position when he essayed the shot.

SOCCER CROWD ATTACKS REFEREE

Police Save A Nasty Situation

BANGALORE, April 27 (PTI).

Police used lathis to disperse a crowd which tried to manhandle the referee after the final whistle in the Football League match between the Sullivan Police and the Bangalore Blues here this evening. Some persons were injured.

Sullivan Police, twice League champions since the League was started in 1943, drew with the Bangalore Blues, last years league winners, in a keenly contested match. By virtue of this match the Police, who have completed their fixtures, have reached second place in the league table with 32 points.

Binny Mills are already winners of this years league championship with 34 points.

The Blues who led one-nil in the first half were seen in top form and they had slightly the better of the exchanges. They showed excellent combination and could have easily won if they had utilised the chances that came their way.

Left extreme, Ramiah, opened the account for the Blues in the fifteenth minute. The exchanges were even thereafter and no goal was scored before the breather. Five minutes before the final whistle the Police who were pressing hard drew level through left-extreme Natesh, the ball rebounding off the inside of the cross-bar.

The referee awarded a goal. (1-1).

Disagreeing with the referee's verdict some of the spectators invaded the field after the final whistle and surrounded the referee, Rachappa, when police rushed in and dispersed the crowd using lathis.

Teams:

BANGALORE BLUES: Varadaraj; Sampangi and Anthony; Krishnarao, Madhurai and Venkataramanappa: Pushparaj, Arokyaraj, Nari, Karim and Ramiah.

SULLIVAN POLICE: Nandan; Alexander and Doss; Chinnathambi, Shanmugham and Umapathy; Pooswamy, Ramiah, Chinnaswamy, Muthu and Natesh.

Referee:—Rachappa.

English-Bred Horses Get Acclamatized Earlier

MADRAS, April 27 (PTI).

Mr. John Dile, British and Australia bloodstock dealer, who is now on a visit to India, said here today that there was now a greater possibility of British bred two and three year old colts and fillies being imported to India to brighten up horse racing here.

The restrictions imposed by the Government of India in importing British-bred horses, he said, had now been removed and Indian race horse owners had already started sending enquiries for British horses.

The British Blood Stock Agency, Mr. Dile said, had already sent four horses to India recently and "probably many more would be sent shortly."

Mr. John Dile, arrived here today from Colombo to explore the possibility of exporting English-bred horses to India. During his stay in this country he would meet race horse owners in Madras, Ooty, Bangalore and Poona.

He noped that horse racing in India would not be abolished by the Government but would prosper with the arrival of new horses.

Though Indian-bred horses were a "hardy type' trained up to any sort of going and good fighters, he said, they could not get acclamatized to England's cold weather. "English-bred horses sent to India get acclamatized after a short time and fare very well

"Finalist, practically after finishing racing in England, was sent to India and she turned out to be the best horse with some extra sun on her back and won every big event here," he said.

England sent two horses this year to Colombo and they were now ready for races. "They have acclamatized very quickly and both look very fine specimens." he added.

Colombo race horse owners, he said, were interested in Indian-bred horses.

Mr. Dile said that England could export any number of race horses to India, as she was now 'blossoming in breeding.'

YOUTH HOSTELS: The Government of India have commended the scheme for youth hostels started by the Uvajjana Charna Samstha (Youth Hostel Association) Mysore and have circulated the rules and regulations of the Samstha to all States and universities in India.

RAMARAO EXTENDS SESHADRI

Mysore State Lawn Tennis Championship

BANGALORE, April 27 (PTI).

Keen contests were witnessed today in the Mysore State Lawn Tennis Championship tournaments conducted here at the Cubbon courts. Eight matches were decided. P. S. Seshadri (Madras), Mysore's singles title holder, had to struggle hard to beat B. L. Ramarao of Mysore who fully extended him to three sets. Seshadri, who took the first set conceded the next to Ramarao. The third set produced many thrills. At one stage it looked that Ramarao, who was leading 4-2 would beat Seshadri but the Madras champion playing a very cautious game drew level (4-4) Ramarao held his next service game and was leading fifteen-forty in the next. After four deuces Seshadri took the game and took the rest two games in a row to win the match.

Following are today's results:—

Singles: S. Vishnumohan (Madras) beat Capt. Pathy 6-3 8-6. A. E. Owen beat B. R Basavara 6-0 6-1. Apparao (Madras) beat Dr. Mohan Rangan (Madras) 10-8 8-10 6-4; P. S Seshadri (Madras) beat B. L. Ramarao (Mysore) 6-1 5-7 7-5.

Doubles: Seshadri and C. G. Paul beat Srinivasan and Mani 6-2 6-2; Basavara and Dr. Sampath beat Owen and Pathy 6-3 4-6 6-3; Miss Indira and Mrs. Narayanarao beat Mrs. B. V. K. Iyyengar and Mrs Jeffries 7-5 3-6 6-4.

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. Campbell and C. G. Paul beat K. Shivadasani and Miss Marsh 6-3 6-3.

10,000 Tons Of Wheat For Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 26 (P.T.I.): It is understood that the Government of India have agreed to allot ten thousands tons of wheat to Hyderabad State during May 1950. This it is stated will substantially ease the food position in the rationed areas of the State

University Commission Report Discussed

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, April 26: Universities' Representatives Committee decided here that Allahabad University will be of federated type. Besides Education Minister representatives of Lucknow, Allahabad and Agra Universities were present The meeting discussed the report of the University Commission. The question of salaries of teachers was the subject of a long discussion. Lecturers whose starting salary has been fixed at Rs. 300 per month will be called rectors with efficiency bar at Rs. 500

A conference of Vice-Chancellors of various universities in U.P. will be held in Lucknow on April 27 to finalise the recommendations of the Committee.

The Bombay Chronicle

NEHRU VINDICATED

We appreciate Mr. Dean Acheson's good wishes to India and Pakistan and their Prime Ministers in the efforts that they are making to establish not only friendly but also fraternal relations on a solid, permanent basis between the two countries. And we share his hope that these efforts will succeed in opening a new era in Indo-Pakistan relations. But would it not be a very good thing if encouragement is derived by others also from the work and achievement of the two Prime Ministers and their courageous statesmanship was accepted as an example to be followed in other and broader fields? The other day an American paper commenting on Indo-Pakistan efforts recalled how Pandit Nehru had said in the United States that will and determination could change the direction of international affairs from hostility to peace and human brotherhood. America the paper recalled further then thought Nehru was talking the language of an impractical idealist, but now, it acknowledges, Nehru has proved the practicability of that idealism. The paper finally commended the achievement of Nehru and Liaquat Ali, to the statesmen of the world, who denounce and abuse each other as if any "idealistic" transformation was quite impossible.

India and Pakistan too commend the example and achievement of their leaders to the statesmen of the two or three leading Powers on whom depends in such staggeringly large measure the peace of the world and indeed, the very future of the human race. Meanwhile, a word about "the entire free world", which is "wholeheartedly supporting "Indo-Pakistan efforts will not be quite irrelevant here. Close friendship and unity between the two countries will certainly contribute to the strengthening of peace and the development of freedom and democracy in the world. But peace freedom and democracy impose certain obligations on what Mr. Dean Acheson calls "the entire free world" and on the leaders of that "entire free world". They have to justify their professions in respect of Asia and Africa. They have to consent in practice to the fact that the aspirations of the peoples of Asia and Africa to equality, freedom and democracy are just and natural. And those aspirations are entitled to be met as wholeheartedly as any where else. This was what Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru told America during his last tour. This is what Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan will tell America during his tour. It is a common message of India and Pakistan to the "entire free world" and it is in the interest of the latter to welcome it wholeheartedly and practically.

Trade Truce

Soon after the agreement on minorities between India and Pakistan a trade agreement of limited scope for a period upto July has been entered into by both the countries. Considering the deadlock which existed in the preceding seven months, the new trade agreement may be welcomed as a beginning of goodwill between the two countries. It is hoped that when the present arrangement ends by the end of July, a new agreement will be discussed with wider outlook and for a long period. The deadlock was the direct outcome of the devaluation of the sterling and the rupee and Pakistan's refusal to fall in line with other members of the sterling area. It maintained the old dollar Exchange ratio and fixed the new exchange ratio of Rs. 144/- Indian rupees against 100 Pakistan rupees. This disparity stopped all trade between the two countries. Pakistan is a large exporter of raw jute and the stoppage of this supply forced our jute mills virtually to close down, creating considerable unemployment. Pakistan for her part piled up huge stocks of jute as India is the biggest buyer. But under the new trade agreement both the countries have taken a realistic view and an arrangement has been arrived at by which Pakistan is to supply 40 lacs maunds of raw jute to Indian jute mills through normal trade channels. Against this supply India is to supply to Pakistan 20 thousand tons of jute manufactures, 45 thousand bales of fine and superfine cotton textiles 5,000 bales of yarn of 40 counts and above, seven thousand tons of mustard oil, 5 lacs pounds tobacco, 5 thousand tons of steel sheets, one thousand tons wheels and axles, 50 thousand tons of cement and timber. Under this agreement free trade in respect of commodities like vegetables fruits, pan, fish, milk, cotton seed, hides, and skins, spices, soaps, paints, drugs and cigarettes is allowed; which will be helpful to small traders. The most useful clause of this agreement is that the goods imported under this agreement shall not be re-exported by either country which means the present arrangement is only aimed at meeting domestic requirements; and to this extent the agreement is to be welcomed.

As regards to payments, balanced trade alone is the basis. The two important items of export of coal to Pakistan and imports of raw cotton to India are not mentioned but it is hoped in future negotiations that these items will receive due consideration. Moreover, Pakistan has made an offer for the export of 150,000 tons of wheat to India which will be duly considered by our Government. So far the agreement fulfils all requirements of both the countries and emphasises the existence of goodwill but the main problem of exchange which was the rootcause of the deadlock, remains untouched. By now Pakistan must have also realised the effects of pegging their currency to the dollar area. It is true that Pakistan is more or less an exporting country of raw materials while it has very limited export business in manufactured goods. However, Pakistan Government has many attractive plans to develop industries in their country and naturally they will have to take a realistic view of the Exchange ratio. Pakistan and India will have common interest in Sterling Balances and both being important members of the Sterling area have equal advantages and results of devaluation. If the Pakistan Government with a view to improve its economic structure finds some direct disadvantage in devaluing its currency, on certain items, it can be covered by imposing export duties where needed. After devaluation it does not take much time to readjust economic conditions and price levels. Thus to have lasting trade agreements which can be of mutual benefit to both the countries, it will not be out of place to hope that, when the whole situation is reviewed at the end of the present agreement by the end of July, the question of exchange ratio will receive first attention and some amicable arrangement will be arrived at by showing a spirit of accommodation where needed. Both the countries have a bright and prosperous future and honoured places among the nations of the world. What is urgently needed is economic progress and strong financial structures which can be achieved by mutual understanding and peaceful domestic conditions.

Thought For The Day

I remember when our whole island was shaken with an earthquake some years ago, there was an impudent mountebank who sold pills which (as he told the country people) were very good against an earthquake.

—JOSEPH ADDISON.

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

A warning to members of the Police Department that they are liable to severe disciplinary action if they apply for permits to consume liquor has been given by the Government of Bombay, says a press note issued by the Government's Director of Publicity in Bombay on Wednesday.

All other Government servants have been advised that "it will redound to their credit if they refrain from applying for permits for the possession and consumption of alcoholic drinks." They were urged to set an example to the public.

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Mr. Dean Acheson is very pleased with Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali. And referring to their present meeting, says: "Since the conclusion of this (New Delhi) agreement, there have been encouraging signs that relations between India and Pakistan are entering upon a new era."

Quite, quite. And—er—er—would they take a lesson from Nehru and Liaquat Ali?

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Dr. John Matthai is reported to have revealed that India has asked the British Government to associate her with Sterling Balances talks in Washington.

But doesn't he know that two alone is company, any more is crowd?

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LITTLE ACTS OF LITTLE MEN

Chronicle headline to an incident involving a Madhya Bharat Minister and a Madhya Bharat INTUC leader.

We agree.

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The South African Indian Congress has cabled Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan to discuss "as a matter of urgency" the plight facing South African Indians through the Group Areas Bill.

Is it desired to secure the cancellation of the Pakistan-South African jute-coal business?

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The Group Areas Bill, the cable urges, "is a well-planned move to ruin economically our people of Indian and Pakistani origin."

What else can the poor harassed white master of South Africa do to save himself, civilisation, christianity, —in fact, the entire world that is worth preserving—from the colour menace?

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DJAKARTA: Revolt in Moluccas, where rebels have announced the secession of Ambon Island from the United States of Indonesia, was expected to spread to the Celebes according to high official sources.

So they are still at it, are they? By "they", we mean, "they" of course.

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Egypt is reported to have requested the Arab League to call its political committee immediately to discuss the position arising from Jordan's "act of incorporation of East Palestine."

What are Egypt and the Arab League against A, B, C, D....?

"DOCTORS" OF THE DISABLED

Family Of Farmers Develop Bone-Setting As Fine Art

BY S. S. KAPADIA

The village of Soorali, 29 miles from Surat, is a tiny, insignificant spec on the map of Bardoli Taluka. Its nine square miles contain a population of under 2,000. It has no policemen, no post-office, not even a secondary school. It has little claim to prominence, yet, almost every day, visitors come to it from various parts of the country. They bring with them complaints of bone dislocation, fracture, and similar injuries. For, Soorali has acquired countrywide fame as the home of a family of bone-setters who, for generations, have handled the most stubborn and complicated bone troubles, some of which all the knowledge of western orthopaedy had failed to correct.

The name of the family is Sooralivalla. For over a hundred years the Sooralivallas have been farmers, cultivating their own lands. Their achievements in agriculture have elicited high praise from the authorities, and their methods have been cited as worthy examples to be followed by neighbouring cultivators. The richness of their produce has been due to the fact that members of the family themselves work on the land, along with village workers.

Early family history indicates that while the menfolk worked in the fields, the women, in addition to their manifold household duties, tended the ailments of poor village folk who came to their doors with all kinds of complaints. For this service they never took a pie—a principle which has been scrupulously adhered to by their descendants.

Gradually, the Sooralivallas developed bone-setting as a speciality and acquired in it a mastery that soon attracted attention from beyond the village borders. It was in the time of the late Nanabhoy Sorabji Sooralivalla that the family's fame as bonesetters spread to Surat, Bombay and other cities.

A remarkable man was this Nanabhoy. Standing six feet seven inches in height, his stern will, his sense of discipline and his straightforward methods commanded the respect of all—from the highest district official to the lowly villager. Stories about his blunt talk and fearless spirit are many. On one occasion, the disappearance of a horse from near his house was the subject of a complaint before a Surat magistrate. When the court accused him of stealing the animal, Nanabhoy caused a consternation by telling the magistrate in a loud tone: "Yes, what are you going to do about it?" However, thanks to the intervention of the court clerk, who knew him as an upright man and had heard of his good work in the village, Nanabhoy was discharged and the Magistrate apologised for the accusation.

But behind this bold and haughty temperament. Nanabhoy concealed a heart of gold. To the disabled who came to his door he showed sympathy, put right their trouble and even fed them if they came from distant places. He showed much consideration for the men who worked in his fields or did menial duties in his house. He had the welfare of the village folk at heart, and did much to improve their lot.

The Sooralivallas played no small role in the national struggle. When the Bardoli no-tax campaign was launched, the family gave lead in defying the authorities, "despite considerable pressure from high officials. For this they earned the approbation of no less a person than Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel."

Nanabhoy's son, Rustomji, and nephew Manchersha were not slow in learning the art of bone-setting from the old man. They have not only helped him in it, but carried the good work to Surat, Navsari, Udvada and Bombay, where, during their visits on family business, they attended to bone cases.

When Nanabhoy died in 1946, at the age of 87, he had the satisfaction of having led a full and useful life. It is said that on the day of his demise, he advised his family to have lunch early so that they could be at his bedside at the time of his death. And, sure enough, shortly after midday, he breathed his last. His dying request to the family was that they must carry on the work of treating the disabled in the name of spirit as he had done, without accepting a pie from the patient, be he a millionaire or a pauper, be he a Parsi or a Hindu, a Brahmin or a Harijan.

Within two years Nanabhoy's son, Rustomji, followed him—to the eternal abode, but the humanitarian work goes on. Today, the guiding genius of the family is Nanabhoy's nephew, Manchessha, and the family residence continues to be the Mecca of the ailing and the disabled.

I recently spent a few weeks with the family and saw for myself the magnificent work that is being carried on by them. Not a day passes without bringing some suffering man, woman or child to their house. On some days the influx is so great that "Mancher Kaka" (as the villagers affably call him) has no rest. Putting a dislocated bone in its place is child's play to him. Men who are carried up the steps of his verandah get on their feet in a few minutes and climb down the steps unaided.

USE OF EFFECTIVE HERBS & ROOTS

He needs no X-ray apparatus to know where the bone is broken. He knows it by the mere feel of the limb. His methods would perhaps shock qualified orthopaedicians, but his results are unfailing. For medicine, he mostly relies on natural products. From

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Bonus Awards

The President of the All India Organisation of Industrial Employers has published a booklet called "Bonus Awards". Since the coming into existence of the Industrial Disputes Act in 1947, the principle of compulsory arbitration in the matter of labour disputes has been in operation and numerous awards have been made by the adjudicating authorities on various questions of disputes in connection with wages, bonus, holidays and schedule of work. The booklet give some important awards on the question of bonus made by Industrial Tribunals in different industries. They differ in many ways in the absence of set principles on which to base their awards. It may be said that during the last war, prices were soaring high and the cost of living was moving up. But employers failed to adjust wages and dearness allowances in tune with mounting cost of living and hesitated to make due payments before knowing their actual profits; once annual balances were ready with ascertained profits, certain sums were paid in lump called "bonus". Thus the bonus was more or less linked with industrial profits and a certain portion of profits set apart to be paid as bonus. Some of our industries had adopted profit sharing schemes with labour and a fixed ratio is allowed as bonus on line with dividends to shareholders Thus it is essential that we must have fixed guiding principles as regards bonus payments. The Government is expected to take steps to introduce legislation to give effect to the recommendations made by the fair wages committee. With the establishment of Fair Wages. Labour will have an automatic device which secures for them their due share of the profit. This will also act as an incentive to work hard to earn more on the part of labour. Thus there must be definite directives to Tribunals regarding the question of bonus as some still believe it to be ex gratia payment.

Revival Of Sanskrit

It needed some courage to say what Sir S. Varadachariar has said about the neo-classical admirers whose sudden enthusiasm for Sanskrit might bring to that ancient language more harm than good. Sir S. Varadachari has left severely alone those fanatics who would make it the national language of India. But he has clearly indicated that no amount of campaigning can make Sanskrit the language of the masses, for it is essentially for men of leisure and learning. Its almost too perfect grammar which has a rule for every occasion and usage, make it a bugbear for ordinary students. Yet, it is a language rich in its literature and contains perhaps the most majestic poetry in the world. Sanskrit drama is not what it could have been because of the stultifying rule which banned tragedy from the domain of writing. Sir S. Varadachari fears that it might soon be thrust into oblivion like Greek and Latin in Britain. The answer, would be that Britain has managed quite well with a bard who knew little Latin and less Greek. But we do not have our Shakespeare and a little Sanskrit might go a long way in removing the inelegance which characterises presentday literary effort. If the study of Sanskrit is separated from the class bias which characterised it in the earlier days—it was for long the privilege of the priesthood to study the sacred scriptures in their original language—and its learning made more easy by books written using the latest technique of teaching, it might regain some of its glory. There might then be more people who have really studied the language instead of the noisy few who now spend most of their time in preaching about the language than by teaching it to others or even learning it themselves.

Food Adulteration

The report that the Bombay Government is contemplating action against those indulging in the adulteration of food is welcome. To indulge in profiteering at any time is bad in all conscience but that traders should resort to a racket like adulterating food at a time when the country is passing through a food crisis shows that there are people in India to whom some more money in their coffers means more than the loss of lives. These racketeers will be the first to complain bitterly even if there is the slightest impurity in their rations. They are also loud in the denunciation of Government which they accuse of killing initiative by placing controls on their trade. While every one will agree that the people responsible for the adulteration of food should be given salutary punishment, it is not so easy to find out the actual culprit, for the articles of food pass through many hands before they are ultimately delivered to the consumer Let us hope that Government devise a machinery which will institute surprise checks, and find out when actually a particular item is adulterated.Once a culprit is caught punishment should be swift and severe, and in any case such offenders should not be given a chance to trade in any commodity in future. The nation's health, which is at the breaking-point with the vagaries of our food position, demands that the Government should be more vigilant thant it has been in the past. The public too can cooperate by launching a social boycott of the offender and making it impossible for him to face society again.

Water Supply Vagaries

Mr. B. A. Dalal, Standing Committees Chairman, is reported to have assured pressmen whom he met on Wednesday, that after the completion of the Tansa-Vaitarana Scheme, by about the end of 1953, Bombaymen need not go thirsty for shortage of water, nor go dirty, at least for that reason. This is all very well, but the problem is of the present. When will our City Fathers realise that even the available supply of water could be better distributed ensuring greater fairness and evenness, to all the citizens that comprise what was called Urbs Prima in Indias. It ha snever been satisfactorily explained so far, why tap-water which behaves with great consistency and regularity as far as aristocratic localities are concerned, becomes capricious and thoroughly unreliable, in respect of humbler localities all over Greater Bombay. It passes one's understanding as to why water runs in the taps of certain poorer localities only between the unearthly hours of midnight and 3 a. m. or between 3 a. m. and six in the morning. There is a general feeling that this sort of thing is the result of some strange sense of time and humour on the part of some official. If it is so, it may be stated that the joke is cruel.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Prayag Mahila Vidyapitha

The Central Government of India has approved of the recognition granted by the University of Delhi to the Vidyavinodini Examination with advanced English Course as equivalent to Matriculation Examination of an Indian University with the condition that the full examination should be taken together or in not more than two compartments within two years of each other.

—BAIJNATH SINGH.
Prayag Mahila Vidyapitha.
Allahabad.

Inflation

While Government talk of checking inflation, they overlook that their own heavy taxation is one of the main factors which have led to higher prices even for such essential articles as matches, sugar, cloth, etc.

When indigenous sugar even on bare costs already is dearer than foreign sugar and requires protection, why make it still dearer to the consumer by adding further excise duty, cane cess and sales taxes to its cost?

If raw cotton prices are controlled for the ostensible benefit of the cloth consumer, why make cloth dearer to the consumer by a levy of heavy excise duty, import duty on foreign cotton plus the inevitable sales tax?

Let Government practice what they preach if the vicious spiral of inflation is to be effectively checked at its roots.

—"WORRIED CONSUMER".

Population Of India

"Births are to be properly spaced and an aesthetic optimum should be set by everybody for the national control of population rather than a recourse to the use of contraceptives", thus observed Mr. G. Raghava Rao, M.A., an officer of the Bombay Government during his interesting and well attended lecture on "Population of India", he delivered in the Town Hall at 6 p.m. on 25-4-50. Father Gisbert presiding.

The speaker gave comparative statistics as regards births, deaths, marriageable age of mortality, etc., in different countries with a special reference to our country and expressed that the population of India is not so abnormal as is often apprehended. The industrial and economic backwardness has everything to do with the population problem.

A lady member's touching the delicate point of birth-control vis-a-vis the population problem evoked much laughter from the audience.

—K. VENKATESWARA RAO.

Prohibition And After

Though it may be true that after Prohibition there may have been increase in the manufacture and smuggling of illicit liquor, on the whole, according to my observation in the Dahanu District, I find that the introduction of Prohibition has been smooth and profitable. I have not noticed a single person lying drunk on the road. The number of quarreis and street brawls have decreased appreciably. Even addicts are to be found in sober condition and seem to be taking more interest in their families. I am sure if this continues and time is given to the addicts to adopt themselves to changed conditions, Prohibition will be a huge success and prove a boon to villagers. The Government must decide on a firm policy and stick to it. For instance if alcoholic beverages are injurious to one man they are equally so to another. So there should be no exceptions. The Government has made a mistake in allowing some people to drink on permit. Another blunder is made in permitting sale of 2 per cent beer and giving priority to this stuff, which is neither beer nor beverage. If this is allowed why not sweet, unadulterated toddy, which is good for health? Today it may be 2% beer, tomorrow it may be 2% brandy and so on. This will spell ruin of Prohibition.

—S. E. AIMAN.
Dahanu.

Baby Foods

Shortly after an acute shortage of baby foods, a few brands can be seen in some shops but the prices vary from day to day and from shop to shop. There have been many demands for more uniform and regular distribution of these products and for fixed prices. But to no effect. It is time baby foods were rescued from the hands of profiteers.

—G. V. NAIK.

Food Adulteration

I was surprised to read in the evening papers that Mr. Morarji Desai, the Home Minister, who is very keen on ending corruption, should say that he found no reason to ban the manufacture of vegetable ghee as expert medical opinion available stated that it was innocuous. The Home Minister seems to have forgotten that it aids and abets a fraud on the public, when traders mix it with ghee. Since its manufacture in this country it has become next to impossible to get pure ghee. Cannot our Home Minister throw his weight in getting this artificial product coloured to prevent criminal cheating.

—K. M. RAJESHWAR.

Men And Women

I entirely agree with you in your editorial opinion that in failing to put into practice the principle of "equal pay for equal work" for men and women, Britain has taken a retrograde step. Also it is surprising that India should have given a conditional and half-heated support to the I.L.O. convention. We women have proved that we can compete with men in any field and the work we turn out is inferior to none. The equality of sexes is an established fact and refusal to accept it is only to prove that you are a reactionary. In Government offices you will find that women are in positions of responsibility and are acquitting themselves as well if not better than male colleagues. It has fallen to the lot of many a girl to be the bread-winner of her family They have made sacrifices and worked and toiled and to deny them equal pay with men is not only unjust but undemocratic.

—NANDINI NAGARKAR

What Equality?

You have pronounced learnedly in your editorial "Men and Women" on equal pay for equal work. Though many women get equal, if not more, pay with men one would like to know where does the equality in work exist. If you visit any office where there are women employees you will find that they spend half of the office time in fixing their faces or in gossip. If you go to a post office or a rationing office they will keep long queues of people waiting till they have exhausted all topics of conversation then they condescend to take notice of you. Moreover, they have no family responsibilities. When they marry there is always the husband to look after them. Their additional income is only spent in buying luxuries. One has to admit that man and women are unequal and must get unequal pay

—MERE MALE.

BHARAT BANK CASE IN SUPREME COURT

"Industrial Award" Defined

DELHI, April 27 (PTI): Arguments continued in the Supreme Court today in the Bharat Bank's appeal against an all-India industrial tribunal award. The award was for the reinstatement of 26 bank employees who, following a strike, had been dismissed by the Bank authorities.

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, arguing for the State, submitted that Article 13 of the Constitution had given "final authority to the Supreme Court in a proper and reasonable analysis," but did not cover the case of the award of an industrial tribunal "limited by its own nature."

Secondly, Sir Alladi added, the tribunal's award, being not in the exercise of judicial power and its decision being not final, was limited in its scope.

Sir Alladi cited various cases from Commonwealth and U. S. law reports to reinforce his contention that the Bharat Bank's appeal questioning the award of the tribunal could not be entertained by the Supreme Court.

Mr. B. Sen, appearing for the employees, contended that "tribunal' connoted nothing but a court of justice, a judicial tribunal and not an administrative tribunal.

Article 136 of the Constitution, Mr. Sen added, did not cover the case of an administrative tribunal.

Bakshi Tek Chand appearing for the Bank submitted that the meaning of the word "award", according to the Industrial Disputes Act, was the final determination of any industrial dispute. The framers of the Constitution, he said, must have been aware of the word and its connotation.

The two main points, Bakshi Tek Chand added, were the adjudication of the industrial dispute and enforcement of the award.

Arguments were not concluded when the Court rose for the day.

TENANCY PROBLEMS OF SAURASHTRA

Commission To Be Appointed

NEW DELHI, April 27 (PTI).

The Government of India have decided to appoint a commission to study the revenue and tenancy problems of Saurashtra and make suitable recommendations, the States Ministry announced today.

The Commission will consist of Mr. Janardan Madan, Mr. D. V. Rege and Mr. Mane Patil

The announcement said: "It is desirable that some definite relationships between the tenants and the landholders should exist during the period the Commission makes its report and Government take their decisions thereon.

It has been decided that there shall be no eviction during this period for the purpose of gharked and that the rent payable by the tenants to the land-holders shall be two times the assessment of the usual crop shares of one-fourth and one-fifth at the option of the tenant

Legislation necessary to hold in abeyance the relevant provisions of the Saurashtra (Gharkhed) Tenancy, Settlements and Agricultural Lands Ordinance 1949, in order to give effect to this decision, is being undertaken."

CLOSER INDO-PAK UNION

Joint Policies For Defence

PANDIT NEHRU'S CONFIDENCE

NEW YORK, April 27, (PTI-Reuter).

INDIA and Pakistan should "ultimately" develop joint policies for transportation, irrigation, communications and national defence" Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was reported to have said in an interview on the eve of his departure for Karachi.

Mr. C. L. Sulzserger, principal foreign correspondent of the New York "Times" in a despatch from New Delhi said Pandit Nehru told him, "in the normal course of events" he envisaged a political relationship between India and Pakistan resembling that between the United States and Canada.

"But there are even deeper bonds to be strengthened", Pandit Nehru added.

Regarding the Karachi talks, Pandit Nehru thought nothing "dramatic" should be expected, but the formula applied in East and West Bengal regarding evacuee property claims might be worked upon with a view to employing it in West Pakistan and India.

Other topics touched upon by Pandit Nehru were stated to be:

(1) The problems of Asia "cannot be solved by military means" Any successful United States policy in Asia must take into account equally in the vigorous nationalistic feeling of the continent and the basic economic needs of the area.

(2) The Soviet Union "more and more" was following a "nationalistic expansionist policy" rather than old style concepts of Communism.

FUTURE DEPENDS ON PACT

Work It Well, Asks Dr. P. C. Ghosh

MADRAS, April 27 (P.T.I.): Dr. P. C. Ghosh, former Premier of West Bengal and members of the Congress Working Committee, said in an interview today that mass exodus from either Bengal had abated and the situation in Calcutta had improved considerably since the signing of the Nehru-Liaquat Agreement.

He said: "Our future depends upon the successful working of this agreement."

Referring to the resignations of Dr. S. P. Mookerjee and Mr. K. C. Neogy, Dr. Ghosh said people generally were not happy over them.

Dr. Ghosh who arrived here from Calcutta this afternoon is leaving tonight by train for Gandhigram near Madura to preside over the Tamil Nad Congress Constructive Workers Conference. He will also attend the fourth anniversary of the Tamil Nad Kasturba Trust.

Press Advisory Body For Pakistan

KARACHI, April 27 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Government of Pakistan have constituted a Central Press Consultative Committee "to devise measures to promote the development of a healthy Press and to advise the Government on matters concerning the Press".

A press note says Khwaja Shahbuddin, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, will be the Chairman of the Committee and Mr. Altaf Hussain, Editor of the "Dawn" its Vice-Chairman. The Committee will normally hold its meetings in Karachi half-yearly.

Stop Press

CHAMPION SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Mannuel Ortiz, World Bantamweight Champion, was suspended today by the National Boxing Association of America.

SOCIALIST PROTEST

HYDERABAD (Dn), April 27 (PTI): The Executive of the Hyderabad State Socialist Party has decided to observe May 15 next as "Anti-Evictions Day" all over the State.

DERBY CALLOVER

LONDON, April 27 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Prince Simon, American-bred colt owned by William Woodward, was made a nine to four favourite for the Derby at the callover at Victoria Club tonight.

At the last callover, four days ago, thirteen to two was available about Prince Simon.

WARNING TO DOCKERS

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).—The London Dock Board tonight warned 14,422 unofficial strikers that unless they return to work on Monday they will lose the existing right to a guaranteed minimum wage of four pounds eight shillings sterling weekly.

The Board, whose decision was understood to have the Labour Government's approval, controls all London dock workers.

GIVE THE PACT A FAIR TRIAL

Mr. Sidhwa's Plea

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An impassioned appeal to the people to believe in the Indo-Pakistan Pact and to give it a fair chance to work out the good of both the countries was made by Mr. R. K. Sidhwa at a largely-attended meeting of the Progressive Group at Green's this evening.

Tracing the recent tragic history which preceded the signing of the pact, Mr. Sidhwa impressed on the minds of the audience the utter futility of alternative solutions offered by the critics of the Government.

One such solution offered was the wholesale exchange of population. Apart from being fundamentally wrong such an exchange would entail terrible economic distress. He gave the example of Western Pakistan where such an exchange took place on a limited scale. There the biggest problem created on the wake of this upheaval was of refugee rehabilitation. Hardly 10 per cent of the refugees had been rehabilitated so far.

Secondly, the trouble would not stop with the exchange of population, because at the root of this "remedy" there was hatred and intolerance; and hatred could not make for peace any time, anywhere.

As for the sincerity of Pakistan, he would only say that even a man like Sardar Patel who was known for his firm policy towards that country had whole-heartedly endorsed it and even in his delicate state of health had undertaken the journey to Calcutta to help implement the pact.

The pact was only a prelude to bigger issues. The Kashmir question, the problems of evacuee property and pensions and provident funds of retired Government servants — could all be tackled once a basic understanding was reached between these two countries.

The results of the pact will in no way be affected by the progress of Kashmir talks, he added.

IMMEDIATE RESULT

One immediate result of the pact was the opening of trade and economic barriers which had created such a lot of misery and distress among the "small" trading and agricultural class.

He fervently believed that the pact would usher in a new era for both the countries, but it called for a spirit of tolerance and goodwill among the two peoples.

He would not put any time-limit to judge the success or failure of the pact because the machinery for implementing the pact was yet in the initial stages.

He hoped that people would eschew the inhuman policy of retaliation and work in the light of Gandhiji's ideals of love and non-violence.

INDO-PAK RELATIONS IMPROVING

Australian Official's View

SINGAPORE, April 27 (PTI-Reuter) Mr. John Oldham, Australia's Minister in Pakistan, said here yesterday that relations between India and Pakistan were progressing at a remarkable rate and there was much better feeling than ever before.

Mr. Oldham, who was on his way to Australia for a four weeks stay, added: "Mr. Nehru's present visit to Karachi is a very hopeful sign of friendship on the part of the leaders of the two countries".

City Weekly's Office Searched

BOMBAY, Thursday: The office of the Radical Humanist, an English weekly edited by Mr. M. N. Roy was searched by the Bombay Police this afternoon and some 15 copies of the issue dated June 26, 1949, were seized.

The search was in connection with a secret and confidential letter of the Home Ministry of the Government of India published in that issue which is alleged to have contravened the provisions of the Official Secrets Act. The letter is purported to have advised all Government departments and employers against the employment of Muslims with domicile in Pakistan in essential services and industries.

The search was in pursuance of a warrant issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The residence of Miss Maniben Kara, the Manager and the Printer and Publisher of the journal, was also searched. And so was the office of the Western Printers, where the journal is printed.

President Dr. Rajendra Prasad is expected to arrive in Simla on May 15 for a week's stay, it is learnt. This will be his first visit to Simla after he became the President of Indian Republic.

'PRODUCE MORE'

The need for more production was emphasised by the Hon'ble Pt. Ravishanker Shukla Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, addressing the Madhya Pradesh Koyla Khadan Rashtriya Mazdoor Conference at Parasia (Chhindwara) on Sunday last. The Hon'ble Pt. Shukla (with folded hands) is seen proceeding to the Pandal to address the conference.

DE FACTO TRANSFER OF CHANDERNAGORE

Indian Administrator To Take Charge On May 2

NEW DELHI, April 27, (PTI).

THE free city of Chandernagore will be transferred de facto to the Government of India on May 2, 1950, a Government communique said today.

Mr. B. K. Banerji, a Bengal Government Officer will take over the administration as the first Indian Administrator from the present French Administrator.

Except that French officials now employed there will be replaced by Indians and Indian laws will become operative, no changes in the administrative set up in Chandernagore are contemplated.

Technically however, the free city will continue to remain a part of the French Union, till it formally becomes part of India on ratification of the treaty for the cession of Chandernagore.

THE COMMUNIQUE

The following is the text of the communique:—

"The free city of Chandernagore will be transferred de facto to the Government of India on May 2, 1950, when Mr. S. K. Banerji, an experienced Bengal Government Officer, takes over the administration of the free city of Chandernagore as the Indian Administrator on behalf of the Government of India in the place of the present French Administrator.

"While technically the free city will continue to remain a part of the French Union, till it formally becomes a part of India on ratification of the treaty for the cession of Chandernagore, the Government of India will assume complete administering authority with effect from May 2, 1950.

"The treaty of the cession is under discussion between the Government of India and the French Government: and it is hoped that now that the main provisions have been mutually agreed to it would be finalised at a very early date.

ASSURANCES

"The Government of India in the Ministry of External Affairs will be directly responsible for the administration of the free city of Chandernagore through the newly-appointed Administrator and there is no intention whatever to merge the territory in West Bengal.

"Such an arrangement is intended mainly to implement the Government of India's repeated assurance to French Settlements in this country that, as far as possible, their autonomy and cultural identity will be maintained after accession. Except that French officials now employed there will be replaced by Indians and Indian laws will become operative, no other changes in the administrative set-up in Chandernagore are contemplated".

It would be recalled that in June, 1948, the French Government issued a declaration allowing the people of the French Establishments or Colonies in India to decide their future by means of a free and fair referendum. In July 1949, a referendum was held in Chandernagore and the population here almost unanimously voted in favour of the Indian Union.

Chandernagore will be the first of the foreign settlements in India to free itself from colonial rule since the attainment of independence by India from British rule.

Red Pamphlets Seized

AMBALA, April 27, (PTI): Communist literature weighing about one maund was seized yesterday by the police following a raid on a house in Thanesar, near Kurukshetra. One person hailing from Sheikhupura district described by the police as a Communist was captured from the house.

Detenu Asked To Be Released

PATIALA, April 27, (PTI): Chaudhri Inder Singh, a Congressman of Narwana, who had been detained under the Preventive Detention Act, was ordered to be released forthwith by the Chief Justice Sardar Teja Singh on the ground of Government's failure to furnish him with the reason for his detention within a reasonable time.

The order was on the habeas corpus petition filed on behalf of Chaudhri Inder Singh challenging the validity of his detention. He was served with orders for detention on February 28 in the Patiala Central Jail, but grounds of detention were not supplied to him until April 22.

EMERGENCE OF SUPERMIND

Aurobindo's Views

PONDICHERRY, April 27 (UPI).—In a message-article in the current issue of the Bulletin of Physical Education, Sri Aurobindo says:

"The full emergence of Supermind may be accomplished by a sovereign manifestation, a descent into earth and a rapid assumption of its powers and disclosing of its form and the creation of a supramental race and supramental life: this must indeed be the full result of its action in nature. But this has not been the habit of evolutionary nature in the past upon earth and it may well be that this supramental evolution also will fix its own periods though it cannot be at all a similar development to that of which earth has hither been the witness.

"But once it has begun all must unavoidably and perfectly manifest and all parts of nature must tend towards a greatest possible luminousness and perfection. It is this certainty that authorises us to believe that mind also and humanity will tend towards the realisation that will be far beyond our present dreams of perfection. A mind of light will replace the present confusion and trouble of this earthly ignorance; it is likely that even those parts of humanity which cannot reach it will yet be aware of its possibility and consciously tend towards it; not only so, but the life of humanity will be enlightened, uplifted, governed, harmonised by this luminous principle and even the body become something much less powerless, obscure and animal in its propensities and capable instead of a new and harmonised perfection.

"It is this possibility that we have to look at and that would mean a new humanity uplifted in light, capable of a spiritualised being and action, open to governance, by some light of truth-consciousness, capable, even on the mental level and in its own order of something that might be called the beginning of a divinised life."

The journal which is published by Sri Aurobindo Ashram also contains a message from the Mother and a large number of pictures depicting various activities of the Ashram.

SAYS POLICE HAD KICKED HER

French Deputy's Allegation

PARIS, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—French Communist Deputy Marie Lambert told the National Assembly today that police kicked her, pulled her hair and dragged her from jail to jail wearing only a nightdress after she had been arrested on charges of organising a riot.

The Assembly, at Communist demand, was debating the recent clashes between workers and police at Brest in which one demonstrator was killed and Mme. Lambert and another Communist Deputy, Alan Signor, were arrested.

Both Deputies and the Communist leader M. Duclos said the arrest violated the constitution.

Minister of Justice Rene Mayer replying said there was obviously an act of violence and forced entry by Mme. Lambert and M. Signor had taken part in the demonstration.

Under the constitution Deputies could be arrested, tried and judged in a case like this and parliamentary immunity did not apply.

"Proceedings against the two Deputies will continue", he added, "unless the National Assembly rules a suspension of these proceedings."

The Government of Saurashtra have sanctioned a sum of Rs 1,50,000 to open schools in diffffferent places in the State for refugees, according to a press note.

SURGICAL CATGUT INDUSTRY

Tariff Board Inquiry On Protection Issue

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In view of the important role which surgical guts played in surgical operations, it was the quality rather than the price of the surgical guts which was of primary consideration to the consumers and that the future of the industry would depend only upon improvement in the quality of its products, observed Dr. B. V. Narayanswamy Naidu, Member, Indian Tariff Board, while opening today in Bombay an inquiry into the claim of the surgical catgut industry for protection.

Dr. Naidu pointed out that the opinions expressed by the consumers as regards quality were not favourable. He wanted to know why, inspite of the fact that the only producing firm was employing officers of the Central Research Institute with several years' experience, and there was no difficulty in getting raw materials, the quality was not considered to be satisfactory by the medical profession.

DOMESTIC DEMAND

In the discussion that followed, the domestic demand for plain and chromic types of absorbable variety of catgut was estimated at 15 lakh tubes for the next year, which was likely to go up to 20 lakh tubes per annum during the next three years. The annual demand for the non-absorbable type made from silk worms was estimated at 10 lakh strands for the next three years.

On the question of protection the manufacturers claimed a high protective duty, ban on imports of surgical catguts and an orderly disposal of war surpluses; such a course alone would enable the Indian manufacturers to increase their production upto capacity and market the indigenous products, it was stated.

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Naidu undertook to consider all the views expressed at the meeting before formulating the Board's views on the question of protection to the industry.

REDS' REVERSE IN DUTCH ELECTION

Right Wing Gains 49 Seats

THE HAGUE, April 27 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Dutch Communists lost nearly half their seats in yesterday's provincial elections. Today the count showed them as winning only 31 seats, a drop of 27 compared with the last provincial elections in 1946.

The largest gain went to the Liberals — right wing Freedom Party — who gained 49 seats, 12 more than they held previously.

Party totals were: Catholics 189, Socialists 156, Anti-revolutionaries 77, Christian Historical Party 70, Liberals (Freedom Party) 49, Communists 31, State Reform Party 11, others seven.

The Fence Destroys The Crop!

AGRA, April 27 (UPI): About five and a half maunds of sugar were recovered on Wednesday by the police from the house of a rationing inspector. It is reported that the inspector has been suspended. Police investigation is proceeding.

NEWS BRIEFS

RELEASED: Surjit Kaur, a Communist detenu who was recently transferred to Banares jail, has been released, according to an Agra message.

SECURITY MOVE: Mr. Radhakrishnan and Mr. Ghansham Sharma, Arya Samaj leaders, were arrested at Jalna, in the "interest of peace and order" it is reported. The District Civil Administrator has issued an order prohibiting public meetings and processions for a period of two months.

PUNJAB ORDINANCE: Provisions of an ordinance being drafted by the Punjab Government to stop ejectment of tenants-at-will by landlards in the State, will be discussed at a conference in Ambala of members of the Legislature representing landlords and tenants, on April 30, it is learnt.

ARRESTED: Chaudhri Rajendra Singh, Secretary, Udaipur District Socialist Party, has been arrested under the Rajasthan Public Security Ordinance and detained in the Central Jail, Jaipur.

LAHORE DRIVE: The Lahore Police are drawing up plans for ridding the city of certain unsocial elements who have been responsible for the recent kidnapping of several girls.

REFORMS: The Judicial Reforms Committee appointed by the Government of West Bengal last year have, it is learnt, issued a printed 48-point questionnaire to different organisations and institutions in the city inviting their opinion on the question of reorganising the administration of judiciary in the State.

RAID: The Deputy Civil Administrator, Parbhani, accompanied by Supply Department officials raided the houses of Sitaram Ekramji and Govinda Aneba, both influential cultivators, at Mirzapur, Parbhani District, and seized 796 maunds of foodgrains. The culprits are being prosecuted.

ELECTED: Mr. R. M. A. S. Pakkirswami Pillai, French India Senator, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Municipal Council of Karaikal at a meeting of the newly-elected Council on Thursday morning.

No Further Cess On Oil

V. L. MEHTA ASSURES MERCHANTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Shri Vaikunth L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, exhorted the business community in Bombay today to raise the prestige of the country in local as well as international market.

Shri Mehta, who was inaugurating the Oil Merchants' Chamber in Bombay, called upon the merchants and businessmen to be honest and straight forward in their dealings so that there should be no room left for any criticism.

Referring to the control on speculation, the Finance Minister said that there would be no necessity for Government to introduce legislation if trade itself evolved some rules and regulations to control it.

In conclusion, the Minister assured them that Government would not levy any further cess on oil mills without the problem being examined by the National Planning Commission

To Solve Ambonese Differences

DJAKARTA, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Three Ambonese leaders in the Indonesian Federal Government today flew 1,500 miles to Ambon to attempt to quell the South Moluccas rising without bloodshed.

Secession of Ambon Island from the United States of Indonesia was announced yesterday.

An official spokesman in Djakarta said that a chance was being given to the rebels to solve differences without fighting.

London Dock Strike

LONDON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Leaders of the 9-day-old unofficial London dock strike were "lobbying" Members of Parliament today as nearly 1,500 airmen and naval ratings joined servicemen already moving strike-bound cargoes.

Latest figures issued by the National Dock Board showed that 14,393 dockers were on strike. Servicemen were working 38 ships and 11,084 regular stevedores were at work on another 26, leaving 70 idle.

In Karachi

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were very conspicuous at the function on account of their imposing official costumes

The guest of honour Pandit Nehru, moved about freely among the guests and chatted with them in a very cheerful spirit.

Dinner Party

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan gave a dinner party in honour of Pandit Nehru at the former's residence tonight. The function was attended by 20 guests, including the members of Pandit Nehru's entourage as well as the members of the Pakistan Cabinet.

In view of the decision arrived at by the two Prime Ministers to issue a joint communique on behalf of the two Governments, summing up the result of their two days' discussions, the important policy announcement which was expected to be made by the two Prime Ministers at the dinner party did not take place.

The two Prime Ministers had informal talks between themselves after the dinner.

Pandit Nehru and party are due to leave for Delhi tomorrow morning at about 8 in a special INA plane.

The Prime Ministers are believed to have appreciated the necessity for an early and peaceful settlement of the Kashmir problem, but took no decision beyond agreeing that Sir Owen Dixon, U.N. Mediator, should enjoy their good wishes and also the co-operation of the two Governments in his mission.

After the dinner tonight, a dance performance was given by East Bengal artists including Bulbul Chowdhury and his troupe. The dances were very much appreciated by Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

COFFEE PARTY TO INDIRA GANDHI

Begum Liaquat, Hostess

KARACHI, April 27 (UPI): Shrimati Indira Gandhi was the guest of the honour at a coffee party given by Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, wife of the Pakistan Prime Minister, at the Prime Minister's house this morning.

The party was largely attended. Prominent among those present were Begum Shahabuddin, wife of the Pakistan Information Minister, wives of other Ministers, wives of members of the diplomatic corps, wife of the Sind Premier Mr. Yusuf Haroon, Mrs. Altaf Hussain, wife of the editor of "Dawn", and wives of officials of the Indian High Commissioner, and several social workers.

Nehru's Visit Filmed

BOMBAY, Thursday: Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's visit to Karachi has been filmed by the newsreel section of the Government of India and is to be shown as a special reel in Cinemams on Friday.

The newsreel, about 300 feet long covers the Pakistan Prime Minister Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan receiving Pandit Nehru at the Mauripur airport, the Indian Prime Minister passing cheering crowds through the streets and placing a wreath on Mr. Jinnah's grave.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON (OCTOBER)

NEW YORK, April 27.

Previous closing	31.56
Today's opening	31.55
Difference	—01
Today's closing	31.48
Difference	—08

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, April 27.

Silver Forward	Rs. 190	0	0
Gold Forward	118	8	0
Silver Bullion	190	8	0
Silver Mint	191	4	0
Gold Ready	119	8	0
Sovereign	76	14	0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, April 27.

Opening Stock Exchange prices:—
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 29 1/2
General Motors dol 81 3/4
U. S. Steel Common dol 32 3/8
U S Steel Preference unquoted.
—(PTI-Reuters).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 27 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Stock Exchange was in a subdued mood today and trading was small. British Government Stocks remained under influence of the possibility of large new electricity issue and were widely one-eighth to quarter per cent lower.

Industrials however, were quietly maintained and displayed underlying firmness which was particularly marked in tobaccos and textiles. These encountered provincial support.

Elsewhere the tendency was to lower levels. Rubber shares lost ground on profit-taking and oils were fractionally lower where changed. In foreign section small speculative sales depressed German and Japanese loans while among rails united havan debentures lost on e point at two-six. Fall followed yesterday's meeting of the company which produced no confirmation of sale price rumours.

Some nervousness was again apparent in the south African gold share market. Prices dropped on fresh local sales and closed dull.

Coppers and diamonds were steady in idleness.

LONDON, April 27.

Exchanges 1-5.94 to 1-6.60 New York on India official 21.00 free 20.98 to 21.00, gold 148/- discounts bank bills three months 11-16 per cent six months 7-8. Electrolytic copper £153, lead foreign £86, tin spot £586-1/2 buyers £587 sellers, three months £587 buyers £587-1/2 sellers, pigiron Scottish foundry No 3 delivered Grangemouth 238-3.

Castorseed Bombay £51-1/2 quoted Groundnuts Indian £64-3/4 nominal, Linseed Calcutta £63, quotel all c. & f. terms per ton. London silver spot 63 pence.

London Share Markets

LONDON, April 27.

Stock Exchange iregular:
Securities 69-1/4 93-3/8 106-1/4 91-9/16 102-5/8 108 93-3/4 transport 89-3/8.
Industrials 80 5-7/32 20/10-1/2 23/9 26/3 5-9/16 53/7-1/2 33/6 17 61/9 25/3 22/1-1/2 39/9 42/9 5-1/8.
Iron 46/3 53-1/4 40/6 76/9 29/9 17-10-1/2 28/3 44/6 88 21/3 21/3.
Teas 14/6 14 24 24 16/3 26/3.
Jute 14-1/2 29/4-1/2.
Rubbers 9/6 15 21/9.
Mines Burmas 5/3 5-1/2 9/3 12/9 4-9/16 0/7-1/2 232/6.
Consolidated 1 3/6 46/10-1/2 10/6 56/10-1/2 53/9.
Oils 129/4-1/2 21/3 61/3 18/1-1/2 21/6 21-5/8 3-1/16.
Shippings 42/6. Six nominal Banks 8-15/32.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, April 27.

Cotton steadier account of moderate demand and hopes that cotton will be included in next inter-domination trade talks.

Yesterdays spot sales 5,000, exports 4,680, Bales for Honk Kong, Chile, Continental Ports.

Local Stocks 4,75,000 of which unsold only 13,50,000 Bales.

Cottonseeds firm on Indian firms buying view removal of export restrictions.

Cloth and Jute goods markets easier on prospects of getting Indian goods accordance with trade agreement.

Current quotations: Cotton N.T. 71-8, Punjab 289 F. 74-8, Four F. 70-8, Cottonseeds Ready 6-4, Gold Ready 101-12.

Stock Exchange: Mohammedi Steamships 97, Murree Brewery 7/8, Karachi Electrics 128/8, Valika Textiles 78.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 27.

Market remained bullish.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 264 lowest 263/8 highest 265, Arvind opened 783, lowest 779. Deferred opened 1690, lowest 1688. highest 1697:

Closing quotations: Calico 264/12, Arvind 781, Ambica 323, Diffrred 1695, Ashok 357/12. Ajit 305/10, Raipur 750.

SAVE MORE FOOD CAMPAIGN

Broach Exhibition

BROACH, April 27, (PTI): How to save food and curtail waste from the time corn is threshed in the field upto the time it is served on the plate will be demonstrated to villagers of Broach District as a "save More Food" and "Don't Waste Food" Exhibition here.

Mr. Dingerrao Desai, Bombay's Food Minister, will declare open the Exhibition on May 5

The Exhibition will mark the beginning of a save more food campaign in Gujerat.

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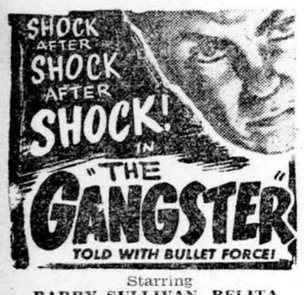

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Foreign Films

"SPELLBOUND" BACK AGAIN

A picture which was widely hailed when first exhibited "Spellbound" returns to thrill audiences at the New Empire. With a top-notch cast including Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck, and top-notch direction of ace Alfred Hitchcock, "Spellbound" has for producer David O. Selznick.

The story takes place in a psychiatry sanatorium where Ingrid Bergman is a doctor, and to which Gregory Peck comes as its new director. But it is soon evident to the other doctors that he is more of a patient himself than the inmates of the hospital.

Ingrid Bergman's attempts to enable him to recover his identity and thus clear himself of a murder charge end in a tense romantic situation for them both. How she manages to fathom the dark places of his mind, racing against time and the police to save him from himself, the law, and the murderer also, forms the main plot of this thriller, not to mention the many little Hitchcock touches which only serve to heighten the spine-chilling element prevailing throughout.

Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn in one of triangular situations in "ADAM'S RIB".

RIB-TICKLER AT THE METRO

When two lawyers fall out with each other, it's not necessarily news; when they also happen to be man and wife, as in M-G-M's "ADAM'S RIB", the tiffing makes for plenty of hilarity. Tracy takes time off from dramatic roles and turns in a fine performance as the husband who puts up with any and everything from his wife, but finally gets his back up when she makes a fool of him in open court.

Tracy and Hepburn successfully teamed together in such comedies as "Woman Of The Year", and "Without Love", are delightful in this comedy of the ups and downs of modern marital existence. Judy Holliday comes out with some screamingly funny stuff in the court-room scenes. Tom Ewell is the worm who turns, and David Wayne has plenty of savoir faire as the writer who carries on a not so mild flirtation with Katherine.

George Cukor's well-balanced direction merits a deal of praise, though the film could certainly have been made a lot smoother by the judicious curtailment of some of its length.

Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Pec k in Hitchcock's fascinating revival "Spellbound".

Full Of Action And Thrills

'FIGHTING MAN OF THE PLAINS'

Randolph Scott, who seems to dabble more and more in Westerns these days, turns in another competent performance in Twentieth Century-Fox's "Fighting Man Of The Plains", now showing at the Regal.

Scott is seen as a runaway outlaw, who, through a queer trick of fate becomes town marshall. Now, as every reader of Westerns knows, a marshal's job is no sinecure, and the grimfaced Mr. Scott, meets his usual show of flying bullets before the forces of law and order vanquish the bush-whacking gentry.

Somewhat surprisingly, our old friend Victor Jory, is on the right side of the law this time, but nevertheless, he gets wiped off trying to save the hero. It is difficult to think of Jory alive at the end of a film — saint or sinner he seems pre-destined for a sticky end.

There are plenty of new faces in this Western, and lovers of this type of fare should be well satisfied. Action, guns, and thrills galore. The out-door scenes have registered well in the Cinecolor process.

Hardwar Kumbh Mela

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWS REVIEW

The world's largest bathing fair—the Kumbh Mela, held once in twelve years at Hardwar, is the subject of exclusive film coverage in the latest issue of the Indian News Review.

The expansion of the Defence Services is strikingly presented at the passing-out parades of the Indian Air Force at Jodhpur and Ambala, and the ex-servicemen's Rally in Madhya Pradesh.

Scenes of grief at Tiruvanna Malai, in South India, over the demise of Shri Ramana Maharshi, presents yet another aspect of the spiritual culture of modern India.

ATTRACTIVE MOVIE AT STRAND

Sincere and compelling movie dealing with the facet of life with which we are becoming increasingly familiar in this post-war world, King Brothers' crime subject "The Gangster" depicts the origins and motivating forces of a hoodlum from the time of his first crooked impulse, to the moment when he meets his bitter and inglorious end.

Barry Sullivan, who has often portrayed the seamier sides of life, is brilliant and brutal in the title role. Belita, forsakes her skates and goes in for some straight dramatic acting as Sullivan's double-crossing moll. Joan Lorring gives a well shaded portrayal as the one wholesome influence in the mobster's sordid life.

Akim Tamiroff, master of many characterisations, is Barry's partner in crime. This is not one of Tamiroff's greatest roles, but the vigour of his personality more than makes up for the lack of substance in the material he has to contend with.

Others that acquit themselves with credit are John Ireland, Henry Morgan, Leif Erickson, Sheldon Leonard and Elisha Cook Jr.

Gordon Wiles directed the film from Daniel Fuch's adaptation of his own novel "Low Company", and it will be showing from this week at the Strand.

Barry Sullivan and Joan Lorring in tensely dramatic "Gangster".

"TOWARDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING"

Scheduled For Release On April 28

Summarising in a lucid manner the events which led to the Indo-Pak Agreement, Films Division's release for the week beginning with April 28 throughout the country entitled "Towards Better Understanding" reproduces in appropriate shots the important features of the Agreement accompanied by extracts from Pandit Nehru's radio broadcast.

The Prime Minister's recent visit to Calcutta, the arrival of Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in Delhi and meetings of the two Prime Ministers and scenes of the signing of the Indo-Pak Agreement are some of the chief highlights of this short film.

"The Kid From Texas" Current Attraction

It's a far cry from the sinuous Houris of the enchanted East to the pulse-pounding action, the blood, the thunder, and the melodrama of the blazing guns of the old West.

"The Kid From Texas", Universal-International's screen biography of the renegade William Bonney, is the current attraction at the Eros, where it replaces the same studio's "Bagdad".

Gale Storm and Audie Murphy in "The Kid From Texas".

Filmgoers are by now familiar with a variety of versions of the life of the killer. The present film shows not only the great tenderness and loyalty the Kid was capable of, but lays stress on the inherent streak of sadism and ruthless viciousness which comes to the fore when the Kid finds that his friend and benefactor is murdered by the human lobo-wolves of the notorious Lincoln county. Billy's rampage results in twenty-nine men going to meet their Maker — an all-time high even for the blood-soaked West.

Audie Murphy makes virile hero and shows himself to be very much at home, indeed, with a gun. Gale Storm ably handles the feminine angle; in a picture of this kind there isn't very much of it.

The rest of the Western galaxy is more or less according to type, and the parts are played by Albert Dekker, Robert Barratt, and others. Sheppard Strudwick is somewhat uneasy as Billy's friend who cashes his chips in somewhat precipitately and sets the Kid off on his trail of vengeance.

Made for you if you like to smell of cordite!

Radar For Good Of Mankind

Interesting films were shown at the Gaumont-Kalee Theatre on Tuesday last under the auspices of the British Information Services. Dealing with the topical problem of Radar, the film showed the very many uses to which this war-time invention can be adapted, stressing the humanitarian aspects and its great usefulness as a life saver.

Largely drawn from the mercantile and shipping communities, the audience was quite obviously engrossed by the films. Being of great educative value, it is to be hoped that the B.I.S. will hold more of these shows in the future.

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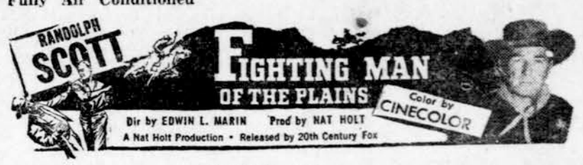
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Development Of Inland Water Transport

(From Our Special Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, April 27.

At the joint meeting of the Standing Committee of the Legislature for Roads and for subjects other than roads, held on April 28, 1949, it was decided that a rapid all-India survey of the possibilities of development of water transport should be undertaken and that full factual data should be collected from the State Government concerned before ordering the survey.

Accordingly, a detailed questionnaire asking for information on various points was drawn up in consultation with the C.W.I.N.C. and forwarded to the State Governments concerned on July 22, 1949, with the request to furnish replies to it by August 31, 1949. The State Governments of West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, U.P., Orissa, Madras and Bombay have not yet replied to the questionnaire. They have been asked to expedite the supply of the data.

U.P. SCHEMES

Meanwhile, the Government of U.P. have, in view of certain industrial schemes that they are undertaking or sponsoring, expressed their anxiety to explore to the fullest extent the feasibility of organising a water-borne goods traffic.—

(a) **on the Ganga upto Allahabad;**
(b) **on the Gogra upto Bahramghat;**
(c) **on the Sone upto Chopan;**
(d) **on the Gandak upto Chhitauni-ghat; and**
(e) **on the Rapti upto Gorakpur.**

The question of the development of inland water transport on the Ganga rivers was considered at a conference of the representatives of the Ministries of Transport and Railways, the Governments of U.P., Bihar and West Bengal, the C.W.I.N.C. and of the Joint Steamer Companies on August 31, 1949, and as the available date was not sufficient for taking a final decision on the various issues, a special committee of the conference was appointed to go into the question and make recommendations.

On recommendations of the special committee, it has been decided to carry out a preliminary expert survey in respect of the river traffic between Allahabad and Buxar for the purpose of ascertaining whether it would be an economic proposition to operate steamer services between these two points. It is understood that arrangements for conducting this traffic survey by a party of three, consisting of representatives of the C.W.I.N.C., the Ministry of Railways and the Joint Steamer Companies, have been finalised and that the survey should have started on April 15, 1950.

At the instance of the Indian delegation to the fifth session of the E.C.A.F.E. held at Singapore in October 1949, the Commission offered to depute an expert in the field of inland navigation for conducting an examination of the development of the traffic capacity of specified inland watetways in India. Mr. Otto Popper, an inland navigation expert, with considerable experience of operation on the Danube, arrived in Delhi on February 9, 1950. The following programme of investigations was indicated to him:—

1. To investigate into the possibilities of developing traffic on waterways and stretches of waterways in the following order of priority:—
   Ganga from Buxar to Allahabad;
   Gogra upto Bahramghat;
   Rapti upto Gorakhpur;
   Bhagirathi;
   Mahanadi and Orissa Coast Canal;
   Buckingham Canal;
   Tapti upto Kakrapa and 50 miles above;
   and prepare comprehensive plans Each such plan should indicate the minimum volume of traffic necessary to make it economical.
2. To examine the possibilities of improving the traffic capacity of existing inland navigation routes with particular reference to efficient methods of operation, suitable types of craft, shore installations, etc.

It was suggested that Mr. Popper should cover the backwaters of Malabar and Cochin also when considering the second item of the terms of reference.

REPORT SUBMITTED

Mr. Popper spent about three weeks on a tour of the U.P., Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa for field investigation. He has since submitted a preliminary report which deals with certain general aspects of the question. It is understood that his recommendations on the specific terms of reference to him will be made after receipt of some further data which he has asked for.

According to the present constitutional position, the Union Government is bound to play an increasingly important part in the regulation, control and development of inland water transport. The special committee appointed by the Inland Water Transport Conference had recommended that the actual administration of the river services including the licensing and registration of vessels should be left with the states as at present and that there should be a central authority with powers to define the general principles and policies regarding inland water transport such as questions affecting more than one province, agency terms, etc.

FUNCTIONS

It was also suggested that the functions of this central authority should, or the present, be carried out by the Central Board of Transport.

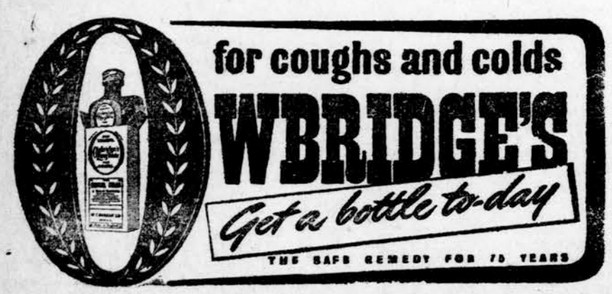
The State Governments of West Bengal, Bihar, Assam and U.P. were requested to set up a committee consisting of representatives of the steamer companies, railways and state transport authorities for the periodical review of the day-to-day problems and to submit a report on their deliberations to Government. The Government of West Bengal have already constituted such a local sub-committee. Information regarding the action taken by the other State Governments is awaited.

In the Inter-State Rivers and River Valley (Regulation and Development) Bill, 1950, which the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, have under consideration, it is proposed to provide for control machinery to ensure the conservation and maintenance of navigable channels in inland waterways and the promotion of navigation in them. The question of undertaking necessary legislation for acquiring any additional powers required for enforcing control over shipping and navigation on the waterways will be examined and necessary proposals formulated in due course.

In the meantime, the question whether the existing legislative provisions are adequate for enforcing the necessary control over the river services is under examination. The State Governments concerned have been asked to furnish full details about the control measures in force and the administrative machinery in charge of the enforcement of any such regulations. Final replies have so far been received only from the Government of Assam and Bihar and the replies from the other States are awaited. The information so far received shows that no provision exists at present for the regulation of inland steam vessels or for the collection of traffic statistics.

Giving Them Their Former Trades

JAMSHEDPUR, April 27 (PTI): The Government of Bihar are taking steps to resettle East Bengal refugees, now in different camps in this State, in the trades they were employed before their displacement.



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HUR LEADERS TO BE FREED

Gesture Of Goodwill

(From Our Correspondent).
KARACHI, April 27.

As a gesture of goodwill towards the Hur community and in order to reduce the budgetted deficit to some extent, the Government of Sind have now decided to abolish the Penal Settlements for Hurs at Jhol and Sinjhore and set at liberty the Hurs detained there.

It will be recalled, ever since the Hurs raised their head against the Government and the execution of their Pir Pagaro in 1943, almost all the important Hur leaders have been detained in jails and the special settlements created for the purpose.

Soon after the establishment of Pakistan, efforts were made to patch up differences between the Hurs and the Muslim Government on religious grounds and the leaders intervening urged the authorities of Sind and Pakistan to release all the detained Hurs as a gesture of goodwill. Their efforts are now materialising partly on account of change of Governmental policy towards the Hurs but mostly to save the huge expenditure which the deficit province of Sind had to incur every year in keeping the Hurs under continued detention.

CALL AGAINST RACIALISM

Conference In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): The 'Defend Free Speech' Convention, which is organising 'freedom day' demonstrations planned to be held in Transvaal Province on May 1 has telegraphed to Minister of Justice C. R. Awart protesting against the Government's decision to call in a defence force in case of trouble.

The telegram referred to "repeated efforts to conceal he real issue of the protest against Government policy, and to incite racial hostility among a section of the European public".

The demonstrations would not be confined to Africans or to non-Europeans, it added, but were designed to provide all "democratic sections of the population, both white and non-white, with an opportunity to protest against the reactionary, economic and political policy of the Government"

Four Uganda Strikers Arrested

JINGA, Uganda, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): Police armed with rifles and clubs made four arrests when they were called out here yesterday to deal with a strike by about 1,000 Africans working on the vast Owen Falls Nile dam project. The Africans carrying sticks and stones, were threatening violence.

Police used no weapons when called out.

AUSTRALIA TO OUTLAW REDS

Bill Presented In Parliament

PARTY FUNDS TO BE CONFISCATED

CANBERRA, April 27. (PTI-Reuter).

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Robert Menzies today presented Parliament with a bill to outlaw and dissolve the Communist Party and confiscate its funds.

He told a crowded and excited House of Representatives that the party would have no right of appeal, and any of its funds in excess of its liabilities would go into the public purse.

Similar treatment would be meted out to "affiliated associations or bodies" if the Government was satisfied that they were Communist controlled and endangered defence or the maintenance of law, Mr. Menzies announced.

But affiliated organisations would have the right of appeal to the Australian High Court.

Canberra's modern Parliament House, standing in splendid isolation in Australia's garden capital, was under a "state of siege" today in readiness for possible Communist demonstrations.

All entrances except the heavily guarded main door were sealed, and a big staff of attendants reinforced by police squads admitted only people known on sight to have business there.

Groups of well-known Australian Communists had lined up early for the public gallery, and the space was jammed with people when the Prime Minister began his speech.

ELECTION PROMISE

The ban on the Australian Communist Party was one of the most controversial points of Mr. Menzies election platform which carried his Conservative Party to victory last December after eight years Labour rule.

The Labour Party had opposed the ban, claiming that it would only drive Communists underground and thus make it harder to keep an eye on them, but the Country Party backed the ban.

Mr. Menzies in his speech today made it clear that the threat of a ban on Communist affiliated organisations did not apply to registered trade unions.

Others could be outlawed and their funds confiscated following a declaration by the Governor-General that they were unlawful, he explained.

Officers and men of organisations declared unlawful were under threat of imprisonment to cease their activities.

DECLARATION

Mr. Menzies announced that the Governor-General could 'declare" such a person if he was a member of an unlawful organisation on May 10, 1948, and his activities were likely to be dangerous.

The "declared person" would be disqualified from Government employment.

Explaining the reason for making this power of "declaration" retrospective for almost two years, Mr. Menzies said the date had been chosen because it was the last day of the Community Party's National Congress which adopted the Party Constitution.

"Not one of us has any love for retrospective legislation", Mr. Menzies said. "But if this bill dealt only with those who could be shown to be Communists when the bill becomes an act the necessary steps would be taken, and when that date arrives there would be no person affected at all.

"We are not prepared to facilitate such a farce. Our Communist enemies are known. They have been active at least since the selected date May 10, 1948.

THE EFFECT

Mr. Menzies said the effect of all this was that a Communist whose activity was likely to be prejudicial to defence or orderly government would be debarred from holding office under the Crown or in an organisation concerned with a vital industry.

"In other words, the enemies of peace and of our country are not to be allowed to occupy positions in which they can give the greatest effect to their evil doings", Mr. Menzies said.

He admitted that extension of the banning threat to affiliated organisations was "novel and car-reaching".

53 REDS NAMED

Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies today named 53 Communists holding key positions in the Australian trade union movement who, according to the bill outlawing the Communist Party, would be barred from their posts.

They included leaders of the key unions in the iron and steel, engineering, mining and building industries, and leaders of the clerks and waterside workers (dockers).

STATISTICAL BODY FOR ASIA

H.Q. In Karachi

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, April 26.

An organisation to be known as the international Statistical Association for Asia and the Far East with headquarters in Karachi has recently been formed under the presidentship of the renowned Indian statistician Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis, Statistical Adviser to the Indian Cabinet.

Mr. C. A. Majid of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan, has been elected as the Secretary.

The Association—first of its kind to be established in Asia—aims at the development of contacts between members belonging to various countries of Asia and the Far East, thereby laying the basis of common endeavour in the East to promote the development and organisation of modern statistics.

The Association is to aim at an active exchange of statistical information between several countries of Asia and the Far East and is expected to bring about a close liaison between experts and research workers interested in the dissemination of statistical knowledge and the development of statistical methodology.

Mr. Majid disclosed that the Association proposed to produce shortly a number of brochures and publications discussing items of statistical interest to the Eastern countries.

Japanese Observers For ILO

TOKYO, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Four Japanese have been elected to attend as observers the thirty-third general assembly of the International Labour Organisation to be held at Geneva on June 7.

Lord Layton Leaving Newspaper World

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Lord Layton, Vice-President of the Council of Europe is resigning as chairman of the Liberal newspaper "News Chronicle" and the London Evening newspaper "Star" in order to devote more time to public duties, it was announced.

Ghulam Mohammed Honoured

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): The British Government yesterday gave a luncheon in honour of Mr. Ghulam Mohammed Pakistan's Finance Minister. Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary acted as host.

Dina Ya Muambwa

NAIROBI, April 27 (PTI): The British and African police killed by the spears of Suk tribesmen on Tuesday near Lake Baringo, in Northwest Kenya, were hunting the leader of the fanatical "Cult of Good Spirits", it was disclosed here yesterday. He was killed in the ensuing battle between police and tribesmen.

The cult, condemned by British authorities as anti-European and inflammatory, is called the Dina Ya Muambwa.

It was started by Alijah Masendi, an African who said a "Black Christ" would be sent to the territory if Europeans were liquidated. Masendi, once an inmate of a lunatic asylum, was banished and was living in exile.

NO PASSPORT VIA INDIA

Australian Refusal To Red Leader

CANBERRA, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): The Government has refused to endorse the passport of Mr. E. V. Elliott, General Secretary of the Communist-controlled Seamen's Union, to enable him to pass through India to a European meeting of the World Federation of Trade Union, it is authoritatively learned.

It stated that this action had been taken because several years ago the Indian Government asked Australia for co-opearation in preventing the entry of known Communists to India.

The Government will continue to refuse endorsement unless Mr. Elliott can produce proof that the Indian Government has no objection to him.

Last week he was refused a visa to travel through American territory

INDIA'S PROSPERITY GOOD FOR BRITAIN

Krishna Menon's Plea For Better Trade Relations

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).

INCREASED commercial prosperity of India would be beneficial and contributory to the prosperity of Britain not in any way opposed to it, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the Indian High-Commissioner said here yesterday.

He was speaking at a dinner at India House at the conclusion of the Indian Textile Exhibition arranged by the High Commissioner. Among the guests were Mr Hugh Gaitshell, Minister for Economic Affairs, Lord Pethick Lawrence and Lord Listowel, former Secretaries of State for India Lord Holden, Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations and Major J. C. Poole, President of the London Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Menon pointed out that before her independence India had a favourable balance of trade with Britain but after independence the balance had become adverse to India.

India was Britain's fourth best customer while Britain was only India's fifth best. Mr. Menon said he would like to see this position reversed.

GREATER VOLUME

Appealing for a greater volume of two-way trade between the two countries Mr. Menon said greater prosperity of India would not adversely affect British prosperity On the other hand with increased purchasing power in her hands, India would be able to buy more from the U.K. although this pattern of trade might be of a different quality and kind than heretofore.

Lord Holden welcoming the exhibition of Indian art and industry, said that apart from commercial buying and selling they provided a very valuable cultural contact between the two countries.

Major Poole declared that he had great faith in the quality of the two races, Indian and British. For promotion of trade and commercial prosperity goodwill and the right type of trade exchanges were the two essentials.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER 71 PLANES

Hong Kong Court Begins Hearing

HONG KONG, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—The Hong Kong Supreme Court today began hearing in a legal battle over 71 commercial aircraft belonging to two airlines which defected last year to the Chinese Central People's (Communist) Government.

The appeal was by Civil Air Transport Incorporated of Delaware, which claims ownership of the planes, against a decision by Chief Justice Sir Leslie Gibson, who on February 23 declined an application to appoint a receiver of the properties of both airlines in the Hong Kong Colony.

The effect of the decision was to leace the aircraft in the possession of the People's Government. But removal from Hong Kong has not been sanctioned pending notification from Peking through diplomatic channels, that the planes are registered in accordance with international law.

The case was expected to continue a few days and if the appeal fails, the only method of pursuing the action would be a request to the colony's full court for permission to take the case to the Privy Council in London.

JUSTIFY CONFIDENCE PLACED IN YOU

Call To Libyan People

TRIPOLI, April 27, (PTI): Abdul Rahim Khan, Pakistani delegate to the United Nations Advisory Council on Libya called on the Libyan people to show themselves fit for the trust placed in them when he took the chair at the first plenary session of the Council. The Council is to decide how to implement the United Nations plan for a fully independent and unified Libya by 1952.

Dr. Adrian Pelt, Netherlands, United Nations High Commissioner for Libya, welcomed the delegates, and said he was sure the administering powers would help them in their task of carrying out the United Nations resolution

1000 CANDLES TO LIGHT BUDHA

Singapore Plans

SINGAPORE, April 26 (PTI).—Singapore's largest image of the Buddha, a fifty-foot statue in the Sakya Muni Buddha Gaya Temple, will be illuminated with a thousand candles on the 29th and 30th April and 1st May in connection with the Wesak celebrations.

Wesak Day (known as Vaishak Day in India), falls on the full moon day in the Indian month of Vaishak, and is traditionally honoured as the day on which the Buddha was born, the day on which 35 years later, he attained enlightenment, and also the day on which, another 45 years after he passed away

A piece of the sacred Bodhi tree from Buddha Gaya will be among the sacred relics which will be on view at the temple on Wesak Day

Czechs Cut Their Consulates

PRAGUE, April 2, (PTI-Reuter): Czechoslovakia is to close her consulates in London Paris and Budapest, it was announced here last night

The functions of the Consulates will be taken over in London and Paris by the Czechoslovak Embassies and in Budapest by the Czechoslovak Legation.

'DOCTORS' OF THE DISABLED

(Continued from Page 6)

certain trees he takes the bark or the root and gives to his patients, either to be chewed or the extract to be applied to the injured area These herbal remedies have proved highly effective and there is one Parsi woman who is known to keep one of these herbs in a steel safe

Manchersha Sooralivalla, who is assisted in bone cases by his cousin Rustom, continues to maintain the traditions established by his uncle. Not only does he give the full benefit of his art to the injured, he sends conveyance to the nearest station if he knows that a disabled man is coming After attending to the morning's cases he feeds those who have come from afar, and provides for their return transport to the station. For all this service he accepts not a pie.

For the local village folk, he keeps a medicine chest packed with drugs, ointments, injections, including the latest patent medicines. The villagers come to him for a variety of ills ranging from ear and eye trouble to stomach ache, boils and itches. The villagers also seek his aid in their social requirements, so that if a shamiana is to be erected for a wedding, "Mancher Kaka" provides them with bamboo poles!

Mr. Sooralivalla's main work, however, is in the fields, where he works with his own hands and spares no efforts to enrich the soil and produce more food. Some of the best cotton grown in Gujarat comes from his land.

Such is the story of this unique family of simple, hard-working men who believe that Service to Fellowmen is the best religion.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED TO STERLING DEBT

India Firm On British Proposal

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, April 26.

IN the absence of fuller information, New Delhi was not in a position to comment on the British proposal to transfer a part of her sterling debt to the United States.

Prima facie, New Delhi holds that Britain is mixing the issue of fighting Communism in South East Asia with the payment of Sterling Balances. New Delhi asserts that Marshall Aid designed to fight Communism in Western Europe was broadly unconditional. The needs of South East Asia are not only many and varried, but in the context of the fight against Communism, extremely urgent. The British proposals would in effect mean that any U.S. aid of South and Southeast Asia would be given on a conditional basis, and that the totality of such aid would be circumscribed. As a result, U.S.A. is likely to look upon the problem of helping South East Asia not from the point of view solely of what these areas require, but from the viewpoint of what help it can give to U.K.

THE DIFFERENCE

New Delhi, however, is not unmindful of the fundamental difference between India and Western Europe. Western Europe is irrevocably a member of the American Bloc, while India has stubbornly stuck to her policy of isolation.

So far as its sterling balances are concerned India would insist on being consulted before Britain transferred a part of her sterling debt to U.S.A. Since devaluation, prices in dollar countries vis a vis India have gone up. India naturally would like to buy in the cheapest market.

IMPORTS CUT

At the instance of Britain, India has cut down her imports from dollar countries to the very minimum. Notwithstanding these reductions in imports and the stepping up of her exports, India's dollar gap is placed at 150 million dollars per year. The transfer of the sterling liability to U.S.A., it is apprehended, might change India's trade pattern and compel her to buy more goods at higher prices from dollar countries. India's Finance Minister indicated last August that as result of the Indo-British Sterling Agreement, India would have right to convert about 150 million dollars of her sterling releases into dollars. Obviously if India is to change her debt, she would want more favourable deal in this respect.

YUGOSLAVIA FACING HARD TIMES

Sen's Admiration For Tito's Achievements

BELGRADE, April 27, (PTI): The Indian Ambassador in Belgrade, Mr. B. R. Sen, who is here to present his credentials, was yesterday received by the Yugoslav Foreign Minister Mr. Eduard Kardelj

The Indian Ambassador expressed his admiration for the way Marshal Tito's Government was, like the Government of India, trying to raise the standard of living of the Yugoslav people.

Mr. Sen said that Yugoslavia had to deal with many problems which were similar to those India had to face and it would be interesting to study how they were being overcome.

Mr. Sen told P. T. I. today that he has contemplated setting up a permanent office here in the near future should circumstances require it, but that anyhow he would visit Belgrade from Rome, where he is also India's Ambassador, about once every two months.

The Ambassador, who is accompanied by Mr. J. A. Shah, Commercial Secretary, said another object of his visit was to explore how far commercial relations with Yugoslavia could be further developed.

Mr. Sen is expected to present his credentials to Mr. Ivan Ribar, the President of the Presidum of the Yugoslav Peoples Assembly, and Head of the State, on Friday.

He will meet Marshal Tito the Premier of the Yugoslav Government probably on Saturday.

LORD MacDONALD SEES BEVIN

Sydney Conference Consultations

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Paymaster General Lord MacDonald, who is to lead the British Delegation to the Commonwealth Conference on South-East Asit problems in Canberra on May 15, today saw British Foreign Secretary Earnest Bevin in hospital, the Foreign Office announced.

Lord MacDonald also called on Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. He is expected to leave for Sydney on May 2 for the conference, which will discuss economic plans for South-East Asia as proposed by Mr. Percy Spender, Australian Foreign Minister at the Colombo Conference earlier this year.

(Entering Parliament as a Labour member in 1929, Gordon MacDonald, as he then was, was the last Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Newfoundland before that country joined Canada. He was raised to the peerage last year).

Systematic Destruction Of Viet Minh Villages

HANOI, (INDO-CHINA), April 26, (PTI).

IN THE DELTA area in North Vietnam (Tonkin) recently liberated by the French from Viet Minh control, nearly one million Christians live attending to their normal life and avocations. They have lived there all through the days of trial and tribulation.

Buddhism and Christianity constitute the main religions for the inhabitants here. In almost every village and town, there is a church standing beside numerous Buddhist pagodas.

N. Rajamani, PTI correspondent, who recently visited a number of these delta villages, says that some of these villages have suffered the heaviest destruction. According to an American correspondent, who had seen war-devastated areas in Europe, he had not seen such systematic and intensive destruction in any one small area anywhere else

Destruction came to these villages in two ways. The Viet-Minh forces adopted or forced a scorched-earth policy along their line of retreat from the delta to the mountains, so that the advancing French would be denied food, shelter and water when they reached these areas. One villager who had set fire to his own house and was now living in a pagoda explained how this was done. The Viet-Minh officer in charge used to summon the house owners and ask them to volunteer for destroying their own houses. If one volunteered, he had the privilege of destroying his own house; otherwise, it was destroyed by others.

In their anxiety to clear these villages of Viet-Minh, French forces using artillery, mortar and aircraft in their turn completed the destruction

Only a few buildings have escaped the general destruction in most villages.

A SURPRISE

Surprisingly however, some of the villages 'en route' from Hanoi to Hungyen were left untouched. A Spanish Jesuit, who has lived in one such unmolested village for over ten years, explained that the Viet-Minh had not touched them because although the villagers were all well-to-do, there were none "fantastically rich" amongst them.

But, farther down in the province of Hungyen, the correspondent saw a different spectacle. Every house, every shop and every public building had been reduced to a pile of stones Only the churches and pagodas escaped destruction. Public servants were carrying on their duties sitting in the verandahs of these abodes of God. Improvised bamboo-and-thatch market places were springing up. The people, who had fled in the face of the terrifying destruction, which befell this city were trickling back. In one of the Buddhist family temples, were ancestors of the family were worshipped, a small infirmary was being organised.

NOT SATISFIED

Talking to villagers here the correspondent gathered the impression that none of them were satisfied with the measure of independence which the Bao Dai regime had ushered in. This impression was strengthened after the interpreter told us that these same villagers probably paid subscriptions to the Viet-Minh who came to them clandestinely during the nights for doing their propaganda.

THEY WERE ENGAGED IN SPYING

Rumanian Witnesses Swear Against Britain And U. S.

BUCHAREST, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): Twenty-one of 22 witnesses asserted before a Military Tribunal yesterday that the British and American information offices in Bucharest had been engaged in spying.

The Tribunal was trying five Rumanians on charges of espionage. Four of them are former employees of the recently closed British and American information offices here.

Nearly all of yesterday witnesses are themselves under arrest.

Take Your Tent

LONDON, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): Overseas visitors to London for the 1951 Festival of Britain will be sure of somewhere to stay so long as they bring their own tents. The Campaign Club of Great Britain has arranged with the festival authorities that foreign campers can use their ten private camping sites within a 24 mile radius of Saint Paul's at a shilling a person each night.

Kashmir Mediator's Task Rendered Lighter

U. N. REACTION TO INDO-PAK UNDERSTANDING

LAKE SUCCESS, April 27, (PTI).

SIR OWEN DIXON, the Australian jurist, who has been appointed United Nations representative to resolve the Kashmir deadlock is expected to arrive in New York by air on Friday cables P.T.I. correspondent.

A spokesman of the Australian delegation said Sir Owen would travel via San Francisco and would be accompanied by a secretary.

There were diplomats at Lake Success who before the New Delhi concord arrived at between Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan were saying they would not step into Sir Owen Dixon's shoes "for a million dollars"

Reports of "a new spirit of understanding" between India and Pakistan have changed that outlook and friends of Sir Owen believe he will have a very much lighter task than the one he actually agreed to shoulder.

One of the things to be decided during Dixon's stay here—tentatively fixed for about a week—will be whether he would want to meet Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, in Washington.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan arrives next Wednesday and Sir Owen is scheduled to fly to New Delhi or Karachi about that time.

SPRING TIME IN STORMY SEAS

Freak Weather Upsets Passengers

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Nearly 200 passengers for New York travelled 12 miles by tender in stormy seas last night to board the French liner "Ile De France" off the Isle of Wight because Britain's "Christmas in Spain" weather delayed their boa ttrain 80 minutes.

Arrangements for the liner to dock in Southampton after crossing the English Channel from Havre were cancelled as the ship would have missed the tide if she had waited for the train.

Many other travel connections were still in chaos last after more snowstorms and wild weather were reported from all over the country.

Some trains were five hours late reaching the West country where they ran out of the freak weather into sunshine. Meanwhile 70 mile an hour gales blew in Yorkshire.

The severe weather eased in London and surrounding southern countries after thunderstorms and coudbursts after thunderstorms and cloudbursts while snow still lay on the ground. Over 5,000 telephones on 45 exchanges were put out of action in the London region. Six inch snowfalls and freezing temperatures have menaced fruit crops in some countries and stopped cricket while inches of rain fell in southern seaside just beginning their summer season.

Japan's Biggest Postwar Tanker Ready

TOKYO, (PTI-Reuter): Japan will put into service in May her largest postwar built tanker, the 14,500 ton "Takakuri Maru"

The tanker's keel was laid during the war but work stopped at surrender. A tanker company recently recommissioned the builder revising the blue-print from "wartime" to "international" specifications.

The "Takakun Maru" is nearly 500 feet long, 70 feet wide and cruises at 14 to 15 knots.

Motor Race Casualties Now Rise To 4

BRESCIA, April 27, (PTI-Reuter). The death toll of last Sunday's "Mille Miglia" (thousand miles) road race last night rose to four with the death of a third Italian driver, 40-year old Antonio Torta, who crashed in his Fiat 1.500 near here.

Two other Italian drivers were killed in the race as well as a Briton, Peter Monkhouse.

General Disappointment Over The Budget

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON (By Mail)

ON April 18 Sir Stafford Cripps presented the budget in the Parliament and for the whole of the week both Parliament and public have been holding inquest on the nation's financial state and the Government's plans to meet it.

The Daily Mail calls the budget a "budgeon budget", the Times says it is a barren budget; in the opinion of Evening Standard, it is unimaginative. Only the Daily Herald calls it a wise budget. The leader writer of the Daily Express says "nobody who seems to have got out of the right side of bed could describe the budget as an electioneering budget." Yet only a few days ago, Tories were asserting that Sir Stafford Cripps would sacrifice national interests and present an electioneering budget. If Sir Stafford Cripps has sacrificed anything, it is the opportunity to seize a fresh political initiative to rally the people to the cause of socialism. While everybody admires the courage and integrity of Sir Stafford Cripps, many regret that he has failed to preesnt a challenging budget worthy of a good Socialist Chancellor of Exchequer.

WORKERS' REACTION

Workers complain that the Chancellor had failed to pass on some of the benefits, secured by increased national productivity to them. They resent wage-freeze policy. Yet, they know a revolt against the Labour Government might result in their losing even the present benefits.

It is a good custom of the British Socialist Government to issue on the eve of budget an interesting document giving facts about national income and expenditure. This serves as an excellent background to the Chancellor's speech. The white paper issued this year showed that the country's output was worth £11,076 millions. This included services of all kinds as well as actual goods, industry being responsible for over half of it. Everybody shared a national income of £10,226. This is how every £100 went. Individuals and private concerns got £39; Government got £35, new factories, houses, shops, schools, etc., took £26. For every £1 earned in 1948 the average wage earner received £1 1s. in 1949. Profits shrank in 1949 from £1,685 millions to £1,590 millions. But this was largely because £200 millions extra was set aside for replacing plant. The number of the rich, earning £10,000 a year increased during the year by 1,000, bringing the total to 11,000.

TAXES

Over a quarter of everyone's personal income went in taxes of all kinds against 23 per cent in 1948. But the burden seemed to be shifting more and more to the wealthy. Figures show that half of the income tax and surtax collected came from people with £1,000 a year and over. Another interesting fact revealed shows that Mr. and Mrs. Everyman today drink and smoke less and eat more.

DISAPPOINTMENT

There is little doubt that both Government supporters and its opponents, in large or small measure, are disappointed. This does not mean that the budget is bereft of any merit. There is first, the income tax relief. Secondly, the cut in housing has been restores. The Health service, for the present at least, remains unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Everyman's regret appears to be that the Chancellor has not seen his way to reduce the price of beer or cigarettes, or lower the burden of purchase tax on the housewife. The policy of wage freeze, on which the Chancellor laid stress, is also the cause of widespread dissatisfaction. The budget may not be called a 'mean budget', as the Communist Daily Worker describes it, but it is definitely not a budget of the man-in-the-street.

The main grievance of the Tories is that taxes on commercial vehicles and petrol have been increased. This will be the one of the major issues during the budget debate. Another Tory complaint is that expenditure of Government has not been adequately pruned. About 40 per cent of the nation's resources are, indeed, swallowed up by public authorities.

WELFARE STATE

But it is forgotten that the largeness of expenditure is not entirely due to extravagance, but to the maintenance of welfare State to which the Tories have professed allegiance. There is room for cut in defence expenditure, but retrenchment in that quarter will not be palatable to the Conservatives. In the existing conditions there can be no hope of big reduction in taxes. During the war the British carried heavy burdens to fight the enemy; now they must willingly bear burden to make Britain a true welfare State. Sir Stafford Cripps said that aim behind the budget was to move nearer towards "a happy country with equality of opportunity, not too great a disparity of incomes."

This statement has been subjected to criticism both by Tories and Liberals. "Here again," says the Liberal "STAR," is the old idea of levelling down instead of levelling up. Sir Stafford, it seems," says the journal, "would freeze us all into a permanent state of flat mediocrity."

The one feature of the budget which has pleased the Labourites is that tax free gifts made by companies to their managers will be subject to surtax. A few months ago The Austin Motor Company voted £100,000 tax free to Mr. Leonard Lordand. The Standard Company, voted the same to Sir John Black—in return for promise that they would never work for any other car firm. When the announcement of these unusual transactions was made Mr. Herbert Morrison denounced them as tax-dodging devices. "It is," he said "wrong in principle, restrictive in effect, and not very creditable to modern British industry that any such arrangement should have been entered into. And it is not very encouraging to trade unionists who have exercised restraint and played the game."

Sir Stafford Cripps has now proposed that such gifts as the motor firm chiefs received shall be liable to surtax with retrospective effect.

INDIAN'S FORCED TO LIVE IN GHETTOES

Mass Protest Planned In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, April 27, (PTI-Reuter)— Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, announced last night that Indians would hold a mass rally here on May 30 to protest against a proposed bill which would enable the South African Government to restrict ownership and occupation of land in certain areas to particular races.

Dr. Dadoo said the bill was aimed at uprooting a thousand non-white families, "segregating them in ghettoes."

"The bill was calculated to implement that part of the Government's policy which declared Indian people a foreign and outlandish element" in South Afrcia, Dr. Dadoo added. It sought to drive Indians into such economic straits that their existence would become almost impossible.

He said it "made a mockery" of the agreement betweeen South Africa, India and Pakistan for a Round Table Conference to discuss the South African Indian question, and added that it seemed "highly improbable" that in the face of this preposterous action "Indian and Pakistan would take part in the talks".

B. B. C. Policy Criticised

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Highly placed civil servants are getting too big a hand in the control of British Broadcating Corporation programmes, according to 'Equity', the actors' trade union.

'Equity' published in its annual report today evidence it gave to the Beveridge Committee investigating broadcasting in Britain. Its main criticisms were:

That policy and administration were becoming more and more rigid. High officials, working by remote control, played for safety where the public interest demanded experiment and vitality.

The BBC's monopolistic "ake it or leave it" attitude had discouraged some of the best artists from broadcasting.

MOVE TO CHECK LAWLESSNESS

Special Officer For Madras

MADRAS, April 27 (PTI).

The Madras Government has decided to appoint a Special Officer of the rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Police to effect greater co-ordination between Madras and Hyderabad in checking lawlessness in the northern districts, it is officially announced here today.

The officer's headquarters will be situated at Bezwada or a suitable place in the affected districts.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon, Chief Secretary to the Madras Government, who returned here today after attending the tripartite conference held at Hyderabad between representatives of the Government of India, Madras and Hyderabad said that the appointment of the Special Officer was being made in persuance of a suggestion emerged at the Hyderabad Conference. He added that there was an exchange of opinion about the latest position in respect of Communist activities and ways and means were considered how best the situation could be improved.

MADRAS WILL HAVE TO STOP REDS

Chief Minister's Talk In Delhi

MADRAS, April 27 (P.T.I.): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Chief Minister, Madras, said here today that the Madras Government considered it their "bounden duty" to put down lawlessness in the State particularly in the northern districts.

The Chief Minister returned to Madras today from Delhi after attending the meeting of the Planning Committee, convened by the Congress President. While in Delhi, he is understood to have met the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, and acquainted him with the Communist situation in Andhra.

Mr. Raja said: "We are generally increasing the strength of the police in areas affected by Communist activities".

KARENS AND REDS CLASH

Heavy Casualties

RANGOON, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): A serious clash between Communists and retreating Karen members of the Karen National Defence Organisation near the town of Pegu was reported yesterday.

Two hundred Karens were reported to have attempted to cross the Sittang River from a village about 25 miles east of Pegu, when they were attacked by Communists. Both sides suffered heavy casulties and many Karens were drowned when their sampans sank.

The Pegu area is now reported to be "almost cleared of Karens". Two Communists were said to have been killed while attempting to blow up a bridge on the Trunk road beyond Pyu (Lower Burma). Their dynamite charge exploded too soon.

Arm Germany

WASHINGTON, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): Senator James Estaland, (Democrat, Mississippi) suggested yesterday that Japan should be armed and Germany made an "equal partner" in the fight against Communism.

81 INDIANS KILLED IN MALAYA

Anti-Bandit Campaign Review

KULNA LUMPUR, April 27. (PTI): Of 1,150 terrorists killed in Malaya since the bandit trouble began in June, 1948, upto March 31, 1950, ten were Indians.

The corresponding figures of Chinese and Malay bandits killed were 1,084 and 43 respectively.

A total of 127 bandits was wounded and captured during the period, and of these one was an Indian. Similarly, of 509 bandits captured unwounded, four were Indians.

Forty-seven Indian civilians were killed during the period, 58 were wounded and four were missing.

Twenty-four Indian police were killed and 25 wounded.

Total Indian casualties in connection with terrorism, including civilians, police and bandits (but not including the troops) are: eighty-one killed, eighty-four wounded, four civilians missing.

Twenty armed bandits, consisting of two Indians, one Malay and the rest Chinese raided the European-owned Young Peng estate last week, says a police report. They burnt down four labourers' sheds and robbed ltbourers of 80 identity cards.

LAIK ALI ESCAPE CASE

Bail Applications

SECUNDERABAD, April 27 (UPI)—Mr. Tarachand Gupta, First Class City Magistrate, today held that the bail applications filed on behalf of Begum Shoukatunnisa widowed sister of Mir Laik Ali, and eight others, should be filed before the Special Court appointed to try the accused in the Laik Ali Escape Case, for final consideration.

The magistrate observed that in the light of the first information report, charge-sheet and other relevant documents the Special Court would be in a better position to consider the bail applications on their merits and give a final decision on them.

Mr. Tarachand Gupta, however, suggested the police should produce the charge-sheet without any delay so that the bail applications might be expeditiously disposed of by the competent court.

The Laik Ali Escape Case is expected to be filed in the Special Court of Mr. Kumarayya, on 4th May, 1950.

SUSPENDED: Britain suspended on Thursday temporarily all postal services to Hainan Island, Nationlist stronghold off the South China coast which Communist Government forces invaded eleven days ago.

POLICE FIRE ON FLEEING REDS, ONE KILLED

GUNTUR, April 27, (PTI):—One person was killed and another seriously injured on the outskirts of Guntur yesterday, when the police opened fire on a group of people, said to include certain "wanted" Communists who, according to the police tried to hookwink them.

The special police in their night patrol saw a group of persons in the fields in the early hours of the morning. On being challenged, they began to run, whereupon police opened fire. One of them died instantaneously, another was severely wounded, while others made good their escape. The wounded persons was taken to hospital. Some spears said to have been left behind by the fleeing persons were collected by the police.

SHIPPING SPACE FOR HAJ PILGRIMS

NEW DELHI, April 27. (PTI): Shipping space has been provided for 15,000 pilgrims to proceed from Bombay to Jedda during the Haj season this year, it is officially learned. In view of the high prices prevailing in Saudi Arabia, pilgrims have been permitted as a special case to carry certain quantities of foodgrains with them for their stay in the Hejaz.

Special permission has also been given to pilgrims to take out Indian currency to the Hejaz proportionate to the classes they travel.

The Indian Consul at Jedda and the staff attached to the Consulate have been asked to help the pilgrims during their stay in the Hejaz in all possible ways, including the provision of medical facilities.

LOCAL TELEGRAMS

NEW DELHI, April 27, (PTI): Local telegrams will be accepted at all Government telegraph offices and postal receiving offices for delivery in the local delivery areas from May 8, 1950, says a press note issued by the Director-General of Posts and Telegraph.

Ordinary telegrams will be charged at annas six for the first eight words and half anna for every additional word, express telegrams being charged at double the ordinary rate.

A sum of two annas extra per telegram will be charged for local greetings telegrams. Reply paid an multiple address local telegrams will also be accepted at these offices.

Relief To Plantation Labour

MADRAS, April 27, (PTI): The Government of India have circularised the State Governments a draft Bill providing for the welfare of plantation Labour, it was officially learnt here today.

The draft Bill deals with questions like hours of work, fixation of wages, leave and provision of amenities, like canteens and free education to children of plantation workmen.

Fruitful Merger.

NEW DELHI, April 27, (PTI): The Institute of Fruit Technology will be merged with the Central Food Technological Institute at Mysore, says an Agriculture Ministry Press Note today.

The Press Note adds: "In view of the changed conditions after the partition and the increasing need for economy, it has not been possible to set up the Institute of Fruit Technology on a permanent basis at Delhi, as had been originally planned. Other difficulties have been the lack of a suitable site and proper accommodation.

C-In-C Takes Tea

BANGALORE, April 27. (PTI): The Commander-in-Chief, General K. M. Cariappa, was entertained to tea this afternoon by Brigadier Habibullah, Sub-Area Commander, and Mrs. Habibullah, at their residence.

LIQUOR SEIZURE: The M.S.M. Railway police seized at Miraj station on Wednesday eighteen bottles of foreign liquor from a Kolhapur-bound passenger. The passenger who was travelling from Goa was taken into custody.

JAPAN STILL AT WAR!

Premier Warns The Nation

TOKYO, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, said yesterday that the Government would "deal drastically" with people who engaged in anti-Soviet and anti-America activities and disturbed internal order.

He told the House of Councillors that the best way for Japan to get security was to appeal to world opinion, to "guarantee' her position. Japan, he said, was technically still at war, and was not in a position to seek foreign assistance to safeguard her security.

JAP PEACE TREATY NOW DISASTROUS

U. S. General's View

NEW YORK, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—A peace treaty for Japan at this time might be disastrous for United States interests in the Far East, Lieutenant-General Robert L. Eichelberger, former Commander of the United States Eighth Army in Japan, said in a lecture here.

All troops in Japan now were under General Douglas MacArthur, but a peace treaty might give the Russians a chance to place troops in the country, he pointed out.

General Eichelberger retired from the army in August 1948.

VIJAYAVADA, April 27. (PTI): The police administration of Krishna District will be bifurcated before the end of May for more effective handling of lawlessness now prevailing, Mr. A. K. Kunhiraman Nambiar, Deputy Inspector General of police, Madras, told pressmen here.

DEVELOPING BACKWARD AREAS IN ASIA

Pakistan-U.N. Joint Efforts

LAKE SUCCESS, April 27, (PTI-Reuter):— Pakistan and the United Nations have joined forces in a new special effort to speed up schemes for developing the under-developed areas of Asia, it was announced here yesterday.

Plans were disclosed for holding a training institute in Lahore, sponsored by the Pakistan Government, the United Nations and its Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Food and Agricultural Organisation and the International Bank, to help technicians formulate basic principles for carrying out economic development plans.

The new Asian Training Institute is the first effort of the United Nations to make use of international training centres for specific development projects. Experts from all countries in the region, as well as those nations which administer territories in the area have been asked to come together and decide how to make the best use of National Development Boards, private investments and local agencies for the overall development of Asia.

The experts are also expected to discuss the best ways of encouraging investment in developing agricultural schemes.

DOLLAR DEFICIT IN ASIA

ECAFE Report

BANGKOK, April 27 (PTI): Basing on trade deficit figures, rough aproximations indicate a U.S. dollar deficit in the magnitude of 500,000,000 for the whole Economic Commission for Asia and Far East (ecafe) region in 1949, according to an ECAFE report on the nature and extent of the dollar shortage writes P.T.I. correspondent in Singapore.

The report will come up for discussion at the meeting of the ECAFE Committee on Industry and Trade at Bangkok on May 9.

The report indicates that this figure, which is based on trade deficit estimates, might be considerably larger. A more valuable measure of dollar needs according to the report, would be on the basis of the overall programme for sound and practicable economic development of the region or on the basis of requirements to maintain current productive efforts to raise the standards of living.

350 M. DOLLARS MORE

U.S. Defence Budget Increased

WASHINGTON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter)— The House Appropriations Committee yesterday recommended that America's 1951 military budget be increased by 350 million dollars asked by Secretary of Defence Louis Johnson to America's defences.

Urging the additional funds, Mr. Johnson told Congress that the Russian atomic explosion had come "somewhat in advance of the date we had anticipated".

Mr. Johnson spoke behind closed doors, but later handed out a statement covering the gist of his testimony.

Among the developments, Mr. Johnson also mentioned "the fall of China, the serious situation in South-east Asia, the break in diplomatic relations with Bulgaria and deteriorating relations with other satellite countries, the Soviet assumption of control over the armed forces of Poland, Soviet naval expansion, the increased Soviet pressures in Germany, the recent attack on a naval aircraft in the Baltic and the recent Soviet demands relative to Trieste."

CLOTH PRICES GO UP

AHMEDABAD, April 27. (UPI): Due to the recent trade agreement with Pakistan, by which Pakistan is to buy cloth from India, the prices of cloth have started rising in the local market.

The Textile Commissioner has recently sent a circular to local mills, asking them not to sell the production of the month in the same month but in the following month. As a result of this circular, which comes into effect from this month 33 per cent of the production in May will not be available upto June 10. This circular, coupled with the trade agreement with Pakistan has brought about a rise in local cloth market inspite of the fact that prices of cloth are fixed.

INDIA'S PACIFIC POLICY

Selfish, Says Singapore Free Press

SINGAPORE, April 26 (PTI)—The British-owned "Singapore Free Press" newspaper writes this morning that India's policy in respect of a Pacific Pact or the formation of a common front in South-East Asia is realistic from India's viewpoint so long as there is no threat to India either through Burma, Tibet or Nepal.

"Most of India's energies", adds the paper, "are devoted to building up her home economy. Alliance might lead to her being involved in a war against her will—and she can little afford to spend money and men on waafare. But that does not necessarily mean that India can always depend on the fight against Communist expansion being carried on by others."

Small Pox Epidemic

DEHRI-ON-SONE, April 27 (UPI): For over three months now, small-pox of a virulent type is reported to have been raging in the villages of Majhiawan, Khudraon, Taraon, Darihat, Chilbila, Ahraon, Mandihan, Pandhuhar and Arjun Bigha, all in Dehri P. S. area covering nearly the whole of its northern part. The epidemic is reported to have claimed more than 10 deaths till now.

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Vincent Buist Reuter's Correspondent expelled from Warsaw arrived in London by air yesterday.

The poles alleged that his reporting was "non-objective". He was the last representative of the British press in Poland.

FIRED FOR KISSING THE GIRLS

EASTCOTE (Middlesex), (PTI-Reuter): Nearly 100 mothers here are fighting for Arthur Sabino who used to kiss their daughters. Sabino, aged 68, was traffic control man outside the local school. A father character with a family of his own he used to kiss the children good-bye after seeing them across the road.

Two parents protested and police headquarters in London sacked Sabino as a result.

But 92 other mothers have signed a petition to the police asking for "uncle Arthur's" reinstatement.

"Our children have a genuine affection for him because of his care for them and his happy disposition," the petition said. "We know he is of high moral character—and see no harm in his kissing the children goodbye".

Mr. Sabino said he would not take the job back But he was grateful to the mother for clearing his reputation.

POLAND LEAVES F A O

WASHINGTON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Poland has given notice that it is leaving the 63-nation United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO.)

Poland withdrew last month from the International Bank and International Monetary Fund and from United Nations agencies, complaining they were under American domination.

Withdrawal from FAO will not be effective for a year, the recognised period of notice.

Hungary, a Soviet Bloc Member, remains in FAO as does Yugoslavia which has broken with Moscow.

Distinguished Visitor

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): A distinguished visitor in Mr. Justice Cassels' Court in the King's Division yesterday was Justice N. Balakrishnaiya, of the High Court of Mysore, Bangalore.

After shaking hands with Mr. Justice Cassels he sat at the Court Associates desk and listened to a breach of promise action.

Foreign Policy Should Not Be Framed By A Few

'LET COMMON MAN BE TAKEN INTO CONFIDENCE

PANDIT HIRDAY NATH KUNZRU, World Affairs, said here yesterday always depend on the strength of her army, but on the goodwill of her entire population.

CALCUTTA, April 27 (PTI). **President of the Indian Council of that the security of a country did not**

Pandit Kunzru who was addressing the annual general meeting of the Calcutta Branch of the Council said that every nation should beware of the circumstances surrounding its national life and should think of the means by which its integrity could be strengthened.

Foreign policy of India today, he said, should no longer be settled by a few experts in the Government. The days when the question of foreign affairs was the exclusive concern of a coterie had now gone. Today, even a man in the street should be made conscious of his duty in developing international relationship in the best of terms possible. People should be made to learn how closely interwoven was the economic life of India with that of other countries, particularly in South East Asia.

NOT A GAME

The establishment of a close contact between politics and the needs of the people could only be possible when the common people had reached a certain stage of development and had become conscious that politics was not a game for parties or certain classes of people, but it was for the welfare of all people of the country, he added.

B.B. & C.I. DRIVE: During the period of ten days from 11-4-50 to 20-4-50, the number of prosecutions launched by the B B and C I Railway against footboard travellers on the Bombay Local Section and the Main Broad Gauge Lines was 37 and 29 respectively. The prosecution resulted in the conviction of all 66 persons.

He Failed To Reach The Promised Land

BOSTON, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): For the fourth time in 18 months Warner Schaede, 22-year-old German war orphan, failed to slip into the United States as a stoway. He was taken from the transport General Stuart Heintzelman, which docked here with 1,303 displaced persons from Bremerhaven, Germany.

He said his father made seven trips to America as a seaman before the war and advise him years ago to "get to America as soon as you get the chance".

Hand Grenade Thrown In Kuala Lumpur

SINGAPORE, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): A hand grenade thrown into a coffee shop in Batu Road a busy street of Kuala Lumpur, Malayan Federal Capital, yesterday wounded seven Chinese, including a women and a child.

A second grenade thrown into the shop did not explode and was destroyed by royal engineers.

PROCUREMENT DRIVE: The Punjab Government purchased over 11,608.000 maunds of foodgrains of the value of about Rs thirteen crores, under the Monopoly Procurement Scheme, last year, according to official figures released on Thursday.

AMERICA WILL STAY PUT IN GERMANY

Acheson's Answer To Red Challenge

WASHINGTON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter).

THE UNITED STATES Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, expressed confidence yesterday that the western powers would not be driven from Berlin as a result of the planned Communist youth demonstrations there at Whitsun.

Mr. Acheson was asked at his weekly press conference to comment on the ability of the western powers to stay in Berlin despite reports of a threatened invasion of West Berlin by East Berlin Communists on May 28.

Mr. Acheson replied that it had been clear in the British, French and American capitals that the intention of the three western powers to remain very firm indeed.

A New Canal Opened In Kashmir

SRINAGAR, April 27, (PTI): Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Kashmir's Chief Minister, today declared open a new irrigation canal near Awantipora in Anantnag district, described as a milestone in the State's drive towards food self-sufficiency.

Expected to irrigate nearly 5,000 acres of land to the right of Jhelum in the first instance, the 23-mile canal may also help generate nearly 400 kilowatts of power if the 40-foot fall occurring at the sixth mile on its course is utilised. When this power becomes available, another 6,000 acres on the left side of Jhelum may be brought under lift irrigation.

AUSTRALIAN AID IN MALAYA

Short Of Sending Troops

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—British-Australian discussions on possible forms of Australian aid in the struggle against the Communist forces in Malaya will stop short of demands for the despatch of Australian troops to Malaya, official quarters confirmed here today.

A spokesman at Australia House Commenting on a forecast published here today that Britain would ask for Australian military aid in Malaya at next month's Commonwealth talks in Sydney on aid to South-East Asia, said he would be surprised if Britain made any request for direct aid in terms of men or arms.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, April 27.

The Bullion Market was fairly steady today with moderate business.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 190/8 and declined at Rs. 189/14 on moderate realising but improved at Rs. 190/2 on renewed support Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 190/10. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 118/4 and improved at Rs 118/5. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 119/9 and Sovereign were placed at Rs. 77.

The market ruled very steady and finally closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	190	12	0
Forward	190	4	0
Ready Gold	119	13	0
Forward	118	9	0
Sovereign	77	0	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 27.

There was no fresh development and the local produce market ruled steady today with good enquiry for Groundnuts. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS			
Khandesh Quality Ready	44	4	0
Madras Commandal	43	12	0
Cold Ready	43	0	0
Oil Bombay Mills	23	6	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	22	14	0
Oil May	23	1	0
Oil June	24	6	0
LINSEED			
Bold Read	37	10	0
Small Satna	36	14	0
April-May	37	8	0
Oil	21	4	0
CASTORSEEDS			
Castorseeds Ready	27	12	0
Madras Ready	28	0	0
May	28	4	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 27.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	94	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
2 per cent Con.	96	15	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	3	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1957	101	9	0
3 per cent 1950-51	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	2	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	0	0
3 1/2 per cent 1950-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-56	112	10	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	5	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	2	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1981	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	100	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.-W.-F. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-68	99	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	9	0
4 per cent B.P.I. long dated	110	0	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	12	0
5 per cent Bombay Muni. 1959	113	8	0
6 per cent R. P. T. 1950	113	0	0

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, April 26.

KARNAK	May	76.30+55
	July	77.92+67
	November	73.40+40
ASHMOUNI	June	114.00— 50
	August	95.00+350
	October	64.00— 25

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE April 26.

The pepper market was quiet with sellers exgodown prices held unchanged black lampong at 600 and white muntok at 870 dollars per picul.

CONTINENTAL BOURSES

PARIS, April 26.

The bourse found little inspiration in the news and remained quiet with occasional pressure from professionals There were small losses among leading banks and industrials in forwards. In spots, while rubber manufacturings eased further, plantations tacked on small improvements, Internationals were heavy. Rentes were inclined to be easier.

BRUSSELS: Weakness spread to many sections as traders were reserved pending political developments at home and abroad particularly in the British parliament. Plantations, foods and several Industrials managed to defend their positions but irregularity grew among coals and colonals became heavy

AMSTERDAM: Foreign offerings weighted heavily on the market. Royal Dutch closed at the day's lowest while other internationals were not fully maitained. The market continues lifeless with many departments failing to record quotations owing to lack of interest. Plantations were weaker. State loans were barely steady. ..o

LONDON STOCKS

LONDON, April 26.

	£
2-1/2 p.c. British Consols	69-1/2
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	93-7/16
4 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	106-1/4
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	91-5/8
Chartered Bank of India	9-3/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	74-3/4
National Bank of India	32-1/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6.437.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, April 26.

London Silver both Spot and Forward 63 pence. London Gold Bars Fine per oz. £12/8/0.

ART SILK YARNS

BOMBAY, April 27.

120	Ready Japan	6 12	0
150	Ready Japan	5 7	0
120	Ready Italy	5 12	0
150	Ready Italy	4 14	0
150	D. Box April	976 0	0
150	D. Box May	969 0	0

INCREASED PROFIT TAKING IN N.Y. COTTON

Wall Street Market Barely Steady

NEW YORK, April 26: Price movements were irregular with nearbys steady on trade buying and short covering while the initial declines in new crops were slightly extended on commission house profit-taking with some selling possibly influenced by reports of slight rains in portion of dry areas of the eastern belt. Deferred contracts continued to meet fairly good support as a result of low crop ideas and optimistic export prospects next season.

New crops eased further in the afternoon under additional profit-taking and hedges while nearbys also reacted reflecting tapering off of earlier trade demands plus another increase in the certificated stocks. The session closed barely steady with sales estimated at 150,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, April 26.

May	32.70—05
July	32.88—06
October	31.56—18
December	31.44—08
Middling Spot	33.38—07

New York Cotton October Highest 31.72 at 10-00 hours, Lowest 31.55 at 14.59 hours.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, April 26.

May	32.42—04
July	32.69—07
October	31.49—21
December	31.37—13
Middling Spot	32.40—05

WALL STREET MARKET

The initial slight advance on the indefinite postponement of the threatened nationwide telephone strike and further pleasing business news attracted increased corrective pressure and most sections gave ground slowly. Midday found irregular lower tendencies mostly upto one dollar inclusing leading steels, motors, chemicals, rails, oils and televisions. The averages were industrials 211.12 and rails 54,174.

Aided by buying of selected issues the market during the afternoon was able to reduce or wipe out numerous extreme declines. Into the fifth hour, however, there was still a fair predominance of fractional losses. Late dealings produced no material changes and all the averages finished with fractional losses. The market closed barely steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

Prices declined early on additional profit-taking in nearbys soyabean contracts together with scattered selling of wheat and maize influenced by yesterday's government report indicating large farm stocks of these grains as of April 1. The decline, however, attracted renewed demand for new crop wheat and short covering partly based on unfavourable weather and crop news in the south-west where dry conditions continued. Meanwhile, exporters reported slow demand for grain and flour overnight.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, April 26.

May	2.29-3/4
July	2.15-1/8
September	2.15-1/4
December	2.16-3/8

N. Y. STOCKS

NEW YORK, April 26.

American Telephone and Telegraph	154-3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	35-3.4
Anaconda Copper Mining	29-3/8
Chase National Bank	36-1/2
Firestone Tyre	58-3/4
General Electric	47-3/8
General Motors	81-7/8
Ingersoll Rand	67-1/2
International Nickel	76-3/8
National City Bank	44-1.2
New York Central Rail Road Co	13-1/2
Sinclair Oil Corporation	23-1.2
Socony Vacuum Corporation	17-1/8
Texas Corporation	64-3/8
Union Carbide	85-1/2
U. S. Smelting and Refining	34
U. S. Stee. Common	32-1/4
Western Union	26-1/2

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 1,886,000

Highest and Lowest U. S. Steel trading prices were 32-7/8/7. 32-1/4 respectively

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, April 26.

SILVER: Open market dealings approximated 100,000 ounces at unchanged 72 cents ounce. Reports to the Department of Commerce from China said that the Bank of Taiwan has announced plans to buy three million ounces of silver from London and Hong Kong plus 560,000 ounces from the Bank of China during April. This silver will be used for the new Taiwan Yuan half dollar coins. The department also reported that 18 metric tons of silver bullion were returned from Japan to the Bank of China on April 16th.

NEW YORK PEPPER QUIET

NEW YORK, April 26.

The pepper market was quiet but firm with buyers at 1.42 dollars for spots and all other positions. There were limited sellers at 1.43 for spots. Today's prices are: Black pepper spot 1.42 bid.

OLD CONTRACT:

May 1.41 nominal, June 1.41 nominal, July 1.39 nominal, July 1.39 bid, nal, July 1.39 bid, September 1.39 bid White pepper spot 2.45 asked.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, April 26

The pepper market was neglected but prices were held owing to steadiness at origin. Black lampong, April|May, held for ten shillings nine pence and white Muntok at fifteen shillings ten pence shipping weight with white sarawak at 16 sh two pence per pound delivered weight c.i.f. basis ports. Malabar April|May and May|June was offered at 1.135 shillings cwt c.i.f United Kingdom

NO BUSINESS IN SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, April 27.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially open for one hour as a mark of respect to the death of Seth Kantilal Pratapsi a member of the Stock Exchange but no business was transacted.

Calcutta Share Market Quietly Steady

CALCUTTA, April 27.

The market for the more speculative stocks ruled quiet but steady while other stocks ruled steady and unchanged. Following are today's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m :—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:

Three per cent Loan 1986 97/1. Three per cent Loan 1951/54 101 S. L., Three per cent Loan 1957 101/5 S. L., Three per cent Loan 1966/68 100 Three per cent Loan 1970/75 99/13.

BANKS:

Bharat Bank 3/1, Hind Bank 28/8. Hindustan Commercial 22. United Commercial 45/10.

COTTONS:

Benares Cotton 4/14, Cawnpore Textiles 10/11, New Victoria Ordy. 2/4

COALS:

Bhalgora 8.8, Bharat Colliery 6/12, Central India 5, Bokaro and Ramgur 20/2, Burrakur 14/11, Jainty Central 1/7, Standard 23, Tlacher 3/1, Western Bengal 5/3

JUTES:

Anglo India 212, Auckland 131. Bally 228, Barnagore 222, Champdani 177, Howrah 30/1, per cent. 9743 £94394 dol. 6440, Odd Lot, Nainati 145, Nuddea 72, Reliance 22/14, Delta 222, National 24/6, Presidency 6. Union 208.

ENGINEERINGS:

Burn and Co. Ordy. 277, Jessop and Co. 14/10, Indian Iron 30/7, Kumardhubi Eng. 8/1, Marshalls 7/8, Steel Corp 21/2,

MISCELLANEOUS:

Indian Copper 2/4, Karanpura Dev 18/4, Tavoy Tin annas eight, Dalmia Cement 6/4, Sone Valley Cement 6/6. Alkali and Chemical 10/8, Calcutta Electric 15/7, Bararee Coke 23/4, Bharat Airways 3/1, B.I.C. 8/13, Calcutta Trams 17, Indian National Airways 3/2, National Insulated Cable 9/14, Rohtas Industry Ord. 5/8, British Burma Petrol 1/8, Shree Gopal Paper 11/4, India General Navg. 91, India Steamship 7/3.

SUGARS:

Champaran 20/10, Purtabpore 9/12. Raza 13, U. P. Sugar 12/14.

TEAS:

Bishnauth 36/12, Dauracherra 8/14, Bokakhat 13/4, Hantapra 203, Huldibari 26, Margarets Hops 8/4, Phaskowa 150, Rajabhat 14/4, Sugma 6/8. Tongani 13 S. O. Lot.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 21st April:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
CAPITAL:	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,30,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	246,73,45,000
Acceptances for Constituents	88,000
Sundries	1,83,55,000
Rupees	260,50,38,000

ASSETS	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	90,47,53,000
Other Authorised Investments	13,92,28,000
ADVANCES:	
Loans	29,95,50,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	87,56,93,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,77,23,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra	88,000
Dead Stock	160,36,000
Sundries	177,88,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	23,40,52,000
Balances with other Banks	5,01,27,000
Rupees	260,50,38,000

CEYLON ASKS MORE FOR TEA

Britain Prepared To Go Half-Way

COLOMBO, April 27 (PTI).—Britain has rejected Ceylon's demand for an increase of six pence a pound for tea, according to a usually reliable sources here.

Negotiations for a new tea contract between the two countries are continuing, despite difficulties on the price. Britain has offered four pence a pound more than last year.

Ceylon's Commerce Minister, Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya, today called a conference of local producers to discuss the position

Some producers appeared prepared to accept an increase of five pence. Others, confident that high prices on the open market would continue indefinitely, seemed determined to hold out for more.

PERMIT TO EXPORT GROUNDNUT CAKE

Hyderabad Orders

HYDERABAD, April 27, (PTI): Groundnut cake cannot be exported outside Hyderabad State without a permit granted by the Manure Controller says a press note issued today The note, however, adds that there are no restrictions on the interdistrict movement of the cake nor is there any control on prices.

INDIA'S SEA BORNE TRADE FOR MARCH

Excess Of Exports

NEW DELHI, April 27 (UPI).—During the current foreign exchange year (July 1949 to June 1950) India's sea borne trade accounts show that in March 1950 imports amounted to Rs. 32.83 crores whereas exports were of the value of Rs. 45.47 crores, showing an excess of the latter over the former of the order of Rs. 12.64 crores

The figures for March follow a succession of favourable trade balances for the previous four months, namely Rs. 8.97 crores in November 1949: Rs. 16.14 crores in December 1949 Rs 10.64 crores in January 1950 and Rs 18.77 crores in February 1950.

The result is that at the end of March, 1950, India's unfavourable balance for the exchange year had shrunk to Rs. 1.22 crores as against Rs. 93.2 crores for the period July 1948 to March 1949. This has been achieved by increased exports, especially since devaluation, on the one hand, and a stricter import control on the other. However, during the next few months fairly heavy payments for imports of essential raw materials such as cotton, are expected.

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA LTD.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Ltd. for the fortnight dated 15th April:

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5,76,66,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary Shares	2,62,12,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary 'A' Shares	52,42,000
Reserve & Other Funds, Reserve Fund	3,16,28,000
Contingency Fund	40,00,000
Sinking Fund in respect of Lands & Buildings	38,07,000
Deposits, Debts due to Banks and Agents Bills Payable, etc.	1,26,64,32,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	31,02,82,000
Rs.	1,64,76,03,000

ASSETS	
Cash Credit and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	39,96,43,000
Loans on Govt. and other Authorised Securities	8,36,92,000
Bills Discounted	7,29,31,000
Lands & Builings	98,87,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	28,29,02,000
Cash in hand at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds Government Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares. Debentures, etc.	79,84,98,000
Rs.	1,64,76,03,000

JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO STERLING AREA

Big Rise In March

TOKYO, April 27 (PTI-Reuter)—Japan's exports to the sterling area during the first 20 days of April were 2,461,000 United States dollars more than in the corresponding period in March, according to trade figures issued by the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

This month's figure was 9,924,000 dollars compared with 7,463,000 dollars last month.

Pakistan alone took goods, mainly cotton textiles worth 4,210,000 dollars.

Exports worth 14,267,00 dollars went to dollar areas in the same 2-days period.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, April 27.

Following are todays closing quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:

SECURITIES: Government of India three per cent. paper 96/15, Ditto 1953/55 101/9, Ditto 1966/68 100.

BANKS: Travancore 14.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 18/8. Mysore 46/4. Travancore 5/5.

PLANTINGS: Chembra 5/10, Cochin Malabar 5/7 Devashola 16, Midland 5/5, Ouchterlony 6/11, Pullangode 1/8, Thirumbadi 2/2. T R and T Co. 4/15 Waterfall 3/5

TEXTILES: Buckingham 138, Ditto Pref. 188. Cambodia 11/12. Coimbatore cm. 136/8. Coimbatore Spg. 52/8 Lakshmi 74/8, Madura 36/12, Mettur 328, Radhakrishna 197/8, Rajalakshmi 76/8, Ranga Vilas 55/8, Trav. Rayons 4, Trichinopoly 11, Vasanta 116

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 70 F A C T 5/2 India Cement 17/14, Mettur Chem 5/8, Mysore Chem. Fert 7/12.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

The copra market was dull and easier with Philippines bulk May|June obtainable at 220 United States dollars and Straits|Dutch East Indies fair merchantable at £89 delivered weight both per ton c.i.f.

The coconut oil market was quiet with prices all unchanged

SHIPPING NEWS

We give below the latest information of movements of Lloyd Triestino vessels from Bombay during the month of May:

"ASSIRIA" due about 10th May from Italy, sailing about 14th May for East Coast of India.

"DUINO" due about 17th May from East Coast of India, sailing about 19th May for Italy via Aden.

"TIMAVO" due about 18th May from Italy, sailing about 21st May for Italy via Aden.

"SEBASTIANO CABOTO due about 25th May from Australia, sailing 26th May for Naples/Genoa via Aden.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 27.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Buying T. T. Rs 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4

Banks Buying D. D. Rs 472 1/2 Montreal Rs 428 3/4

Banks Buying D. D. Rs 473 3/4 T/C. Montreal Rs. 430 1/2.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate/Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia 37 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65 London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 35. London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10. London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36 London/Hong Kong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10-63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Esc. 80.35. London/Manila Cross Rate Fcs. 5.60-5.65. London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3/07 3/4-3.08 1/4. London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981. London/Prague Cross Rate K. not quoted London/Singapore Cross Rate 3/4 1/16 3/4-3/16 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50 London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26

London Discts 3 Mos. 11/16 p.c.

London Discts 6 Mos 7/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money: Call 3/4 per cent. 3 Mos. 1 1/4 per cent. 6 Mos. 1 1/2 per cent. 12 Mos. 1 3/4 per cent.

Tone: Steady

TROUBLE FEARED IN S. AFRICA

Government To Ban Meetings

CAPE TOWN, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).—The South African Government announced today that all gatherings and demonstrations in Transvaal Province which includes Pretoria and Johannesburg would be banned from April 29 to May 1.

Big anti-Government demonstrations, said to have been organised by the Communist Party, had been planned in this region for May 1 which had been declared "Freedom Day."

Earlier Mr Charles Swart, the Minister of Justice, announced that he would invoke the Riotous Assemblies Act in the Witwatersand, key area in Transvaal.

The Act gives Mr. Swart power to ban meetings and it was believed he would do this.

Mr. Swart told the House of Assembly today it was his duty to take steps to protect the public whenever he was warned by Magistrates of any impending disturbance.

MASS RALLIES

An organisation known as the "Defend Free Speech Convention" is responsible for the demonstrations Mass rallies are being organised by various African and Indian organisations

The organisers have called on Africans to demand freedom of speech movement and assembly, better wages and the abolition of racial descrimination laws.

Mr Swart said the Communist Party was behind the whole planned demonstration

Delegates claiming to represent more than one million in the Transvaal attended the "Defend Free Speech Convention" in Johannesburg on March 26.

They pledged themselves to oppose what they called the "Fascist threat to the peace, progress and prosperity of our country."

The Convention declared May 1 as "Freedom Day—a day of protest and a people's holiday—for all in Transvaal."

Pamphlets widely circulated by the Convention said that only the "united opposition and resistance of all the democratic people of South Africa" could check the Malan Government and "save our country from ruin."

TRIAL OF RAJASTHAN OUTLAW BEGINS

Suraj Bhan Charged With Murder And Robbery

JAIPUR, April 26. (PTI): The trial of Suraj Bhan, an outlaw, who was recently captured in an encounter with the Rajasthan Police near Churu, in Bikaner, began here today in the special court of Mr. Rup Singh Rathore, District and Sessions Judge, Jaipur

The prosecution filed a charge against Suraj Bhan under Section 302 IPC for murder of one Shera, in village Raipur in Sheikhawati and Section 394 IPC for voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery

Some other cases of murder, dacoity and kidnapping are pending against Suraj Bhan. According to the prosecution story Ruraj Bhan along with his accomplices Dolla and Rajia reached the house of the deceased Shera in Raipur in Sikar District on December 4 last year and demanded his camel telling him that the police wanted the mount. A saddle was brought from the neighbourhood and the camel was taken over Subsequently Shera was shot at The motive attributed was revenge as one of Shera's near relation had got Suraj Bhan arrested.

The prosecution witnesses were examined today.

Tall and hefty, 35-year old Suraj Bhan pleaded not guilty to the charges and made a statement earlier.

LIFE OF A BANDIT

Suraj Bhan in his statement said that he deserted the Jaipur Camel Corps in 1941 with a Subedar's rifle. He was later arrested and sentenced to one and a half years imprisonment. After release from jail he went to Jodhpur and joined service with a Thikanadar but following a quarrel between the Thakur and his brothers he was arrested and kept in lock-up. One day he snatched the rifle of the sentry and along with same other detenus captured the armoury and after a pitched battle escaped.

Suraj Bhan said for one and a half years he lived the life of banditry and had many encounters with the police until he was arrested and detained at Jodhpur.

Suraj Bhan narrated his dramatic escape from the Jodhpur Jail which he managed by cutting open the bars. He also told the court that he kidnapped three rich merchants and they were ransomed

Suraj Bhan was subsequently arrested during an encounter with the Rajasthan Police near Churu in Bikaner.

JORDAN'S ACTION SUPPORTED

Sidky Pasha Is Pleased

CAIRO, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).

Veteran statesman Ismail Sidky Pasha today became the first Egyptian openly to support King Abdullah's act incorporating East Palestine in the Kingdom of Jordan when he said here: "I believe the movie is in accordance with the wishes of the East Palestine people."

He added: "These people took part in the recent elections, and now share in the conduct of the affairs in enlarged Jordan State."

Sidky Pasha also favours a Jordan-Syria-Iraq Union.

"The presence of a strong Arab country in the north and another (Egypt) in the south will deter Israel from further expansion," he declared.

Asked whether Jordan sought a preliminary peace with Israel, Sidky Pasha said: "Peace with Israel would contribute towards political stability in the Middle East and as such should be welcome."

LIGHTNING STRIKE: More than 500 workers of Barasat Bashirhat Light Railway went on a lightning strike on Thursday morning as a protest against the dismissal of one loco driver. Work was resumed after four hours when the driver was allowed to resume duty following a conference between workers' representatives and the Labour Inspector of Government of India and the General Manager of the Railway.

Index Numbers Of Security Prices

(Base: 1938—100)

ALL INDIA

Group and Sub-group	Week Ended 16-4-1949	18-3-1950	8-4-1950	15-4-1950
GOVT. & SEMI-GOVT SECURITIES				
Govt. of India Loans	101.43	101.07	100.93	100.96
Indian States Loans	101.64	98.89	98.85	98.84
Municipal, Port Trust and Improvement Trust Loans	97.79	97.23	97.23	97.23
GROUP INDEX	101.34	100.94	100.81	100.83
FIXE DIVIDEND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES				
Electricity	79.1	81.5	82.0	81.1
Cotton	157.3	148.8	148.0	148.1
Jute	107.3	88.6	88.6	88.1
Coal	116.7	106.2	106.2	106.2
Iron & Steel	89.9	91.4	91.7	92.0
Sugar	124.5	101.0	101.7	101.7
Paper	119.3	99.2	99.2	99.2
Plantations	117.5	113.2	112.3	112.1
GROUP INDEX	106.67	100.16	100.18	99.99
VARIABLE DIVIDEND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES				
Banks	128.1	119.2	119.0	119.2
Insurance	135.5	122.4	122.1	122.9
Investment Trusts	195.1	164.5	159.0	159.0
Electricity Companies and Tramways	86.3	85.3	85.2	84.9
Shipping & Other Transport Cos.	113.6	87.8	88.5	88.8
Railways	92.1	88.9	88.1	88.1
Plantations	134.1	127.4	127.3	127.9
Cotton Woollen & Silk	168.8	155.9	155.4	155.8
Jute	95.1	71.5	72.8	74.3
Coal	117.7	103.6	101.5	104.8
Mining & Oils	62.9	59.0	61.0	60.6
Iron & Steel	128.9	142.2	141.5	143.4
Genera Engineering	157.5	157.3	159.1	162.2
Sugar	127.5	113.6	111.6	111.9
Breweries	105.0	98.6	98.9	100.3
Chemicals	157.3	160.2	158.0	158.6
Paper	99.4	104.1	104.2	106.4
Cement	119.0	123.6	126.1	126.9
GROUP INDEX	121.40	114.26	114.50	115.13
REGIONAL				
REGION AND GROUP				
BOMBAY				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	100.74	100.33	100.11	100.13
Fixed Dividend Industrials	97.2	98.9	99.3	99.3
Variable Dividend Industrials	133.8	131.2	131.6	132.3
CALCUTTA				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.66	101.24	101.12	101.14
Fixed Dividend Industrials	117.9	99.5	99.4	99.0
Variable Dividend Industrials	113.7	102.3	102.5	103.2
MADRAS				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.51	101.22	101.18	101.19
Fixed Dividend Industrials	121.2	116.0	115.5	115.3
Variable Dividend Industrials	140.3	139.6	138.3	132.5

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YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION

Scheme Commended

NEW DELHI, April 27 (P.T.I.): The Government of India have commended the scheme for youth hostels started by the Uvajana Charana Samstha (Youth Hostel Association) Mysore. Rules and regulations of the Samstha have been circulated to all States and Universities in India.

Announcing this, an Education Ministry press note says:—

"The membership of the Association is confined to University colleges or institutions having hostels. The hostels will be available to all members of the Samstha free of rental charges during the long vacations without restriction of class, caste, nationality or religion. The individuals travelling under the auspices of the Samstha will receive all possible information and assistance, when on tour, from the local correspondents of the Samstha"

WEDDING OF THAI KING TODAY

Truman Sends Radio

BANGKOK, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): The eighteen million subjects of King Phumiphon Adulet of Thailand will stage big rejoicings tomorrow when their King is marrying beautiful 17-year-old Princess Sirikit Kitiyakara, daughter of Prince Nakkhat Kitiyakara, Thai Ambassador in London.

During the last few days rice farmers, merchants, mendicants and aged Buddhist priests have been trooping into Bangkok to take part in nine days of celebrations.

King Phumiphon and his bride will interrupt their honeymoon at the Thai seaside resort of Hawhib to attend the King's coronation in Bangkok. He succeeded his brother King Ananda Mohidol, victim of an assassin's bullet three years ago, but meanwhile has been studying law in Switzerland.

King Phumiphon and his bride will be accompanied on their honeymoon by a special squad of security police—customary with Thai monarchs after several threatened assassinations and attempts coups in recent years.

A special Envoy of King George VI visited King Phumiphon today to hand over the royal Worcester dinner service for 36 persons which is the wedding present from Britain's King.

President Truman was given King Phumiphon a radiogram with the latest American electronic features.

INDIA'S GREETINGS

NEW DELHI: The following message of greetings has been sent by the President to His Majesty King Phumiphon Adulet of Thailand, Bangkok, on the occasion of his marriage on April 28, 1950.

"On my own behalf and on behalf of the Government and people of India I have great pleasure in conveying felicitations to Your Majesty on the occasion of your marriage. I have sent to my Minister in Thailand a wedding present which I hope Your Majesty will accept with my best wishes for your health and happiness".

THAKIN NU TO VISIT LONDON

Short Stay In Bombay

RANGOON, April 27 (PTI): Thakin Nu, Prime Minister of Burma, will fly to London on May 1 on a fortnight's visit. He will be accompanied by Finance Secretary Hla Maung who will later proceed to America to conclude purchases of machinery for a spinning and weaving factory in Rangoon, cables T. S. T. Chari, P.T.I. correspondent.

During his stay in the United Kingdom, Thakin Nu will attend a memorial service to ten thousand British soldiers killed on the Burma front and also participate in the Shakespeare festival at Stratford-on-Avon.

On his way to London, the Burmese Premier will spend a day at Calcutta as the guest of the Governor of West Bengal and a few hours in Bombay as the guest of the Governor of Bombay.

SERIOUS WATER SCARCITY HITS OOTACAMUND

Wells Dry Up In Yet Another District

LESS TRAM CARS IN MADRAS DUE TO ELECTRICITY CUT

MADRAS, April 27, (PTI).

OOTACAMUND—The queen of hill stations—and certain parts of Coimbatore District are faced with an unprecedented water scarcity.

According to an Ootacamund message, the water scarcity there has assumed such serious proportions that the local Municipality has regulated the hours of water supply for all private and public taps from April 25. The use of tap water has been prohibited for non-domestic purposes, which include any trade or business, irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, washing animals or vehicles.

Acute water scarcity, consequent on the drying up of wells, is reported at Tirupur, Coimbatore District. The Tirupur Municipal Council has decided to supply water every day to people in scarcity areas by motor lorries.

The Madras Government have directed that minor industries like rice mills should work only during non-peak hours, that is, in the nights.

This is a sequel to the low power production owing to the drop in water level in Mettur and other reservoirs in the State, caused by last year's failure of the north-east monsoon for a third successive year.

MILLS

Textile mills, which were working three-shifts a day, now work only two shifts for want of electricity. The Commissioner of Labour, Madras, is making arrangements with the mill authorities to obviate retrenchment among textile workers following the abolition of the third shift. The workers of the third shift are being absorbed in the other two shifts.

Situation arising from the shortage of power production has further been worsened by the breakdown of a boiler at the Madras electric supply power house at Basin Bridge.

The Electricity Department have informed all big consumers of high tension electricity such as the Madras Corporation, the City Tramway Company and mills to reduce their consumption of power for six hours from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The office-going public, using trams have been put to inconvenience owing to the reduction in the tram cars effected by the Tramway Company

On account of the restriction, only alternate lights are lit on important thoroughfares like the Marina road.

Enquiries at the Basin Bridge power house show that it will take a fortnight for the boiler being repaired.

Power Shortage In Bangalore

The Government of Mysore has issued a press note today appealing for public co-operation in tiding over electricity shortage in Bangalore.

The note attributes the scarcity of water in the Krishnaraja Sagar Reservoir to the failure of south-west and north-east monsoon last year. The Reservoir supplies water for power generation at Sivasamudram and Kolar Gold Fields depend for their power requirements.

Usually a few summer showers occur in March and early April, but this year these have also failed and the monsoon does not set in till the end of May. A cut of one-third has been enjoined on all power consumers in Bangalore and K.G.F. and the Government hope it would be possible to keep on the reduced supply till the monsoon sets in.

Rapid arrangements have been made to work pumping sets with power supplied from the Jog Hydro-Electric Works where Government is generating 48,000 kilowatts of power, which cannot be utilised in this place because of frequency differences.

PAKISTAN MUST BE CONSULTED

Dollarising Sterling Balances

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter):—Pakistan has asked Britain to consult her before she makes any commitments on the reported proposal that America should take over part of Britain's sterling debts. This was disclosed by Pakistan's Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, in an interview here today.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed said his Government had made "strong representations" because her interests were deeply involved in any such solution.

"Pakistan needs more dollars in addition to the normal dollar releases for going ahead with her programme of economic development," he added.

The Pakistan Finance Minister said that while appreciating fully the difficulties in which the British Government found itself in the matter of dollars, Pakistan had to give due weight to its own present requirements which were becoming more urgent on account of the march of disruptive forces in some neighbouring countries of South-East Asia.

"The Pakistan Government has received assurances at the highest level that no commitments shall be made affecting their interest without the fullest opportunity being afforded to them for consultations at all stages of negotiations," he said.

Prominent Bhopal Congress Workers Resign

(From Our Correspondent).

INDORE, April 27.—Resignations of a large number of Congress workers from the primary membership of the Congress have been reported from Bhopal. Among those who have resigned include Mr. Balkrishna Gupta, President of the Bhopal District Congress Committee. Mr. Gobindprasad Srivastava, a member of the A.I.C.C., Mr. Ratankumar, Editor of Nai Rah, Mr. Surajmal Jain, Secretary of the Bhopal D.C.C., Kumari Mohindevi Srivastava and Mrs. Shantidevi Jain.

Mr. V. S. Khode, former Deputy Premier of Madhyabharat, has also resigned from the primary membership of the Congress and the Provincial Assembly. Mr. Khode has been a Congress worker for the last 30 years.

Snowstorm In London

LONDON, April 26 (PTI-Reuter):—Britain's worst April snowstorms in more than 30 years brought chaos to rail and road transport in London and the surrounding counties early today.

Thousands of early travellers into the capital were delayed when freak winter in spring snow and ice clogged railway tracks, felled trees and telegraph wires and blocked roads.

With early morning temperature down almost to freezing point the electricity Authority imposed heavy power cuts throughout England.

Six inches of snow blanketed most of the south. Londoners plodded to work through streets inches deep in melting snow.

Intervention In Malaya

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY OPPOSITION

CANBERRA, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): The Australian Federal Labour Party today issued a manifesto expressing "rigid opposition to the use of Australian armed forces in the present civil disturbances in Malaya."

It charged Australian Defence Minister E. J. Harrison (now Resident Minister in London) with indiscretion in recent statement on Malaya.

The manifesto also accused the Australian Government of lack of frankness and said that since the recent statement made by Mr. Harrison suggesting the use of Australian commandos had not been repudiated or qualified it could be assumed to express the Government's views.

The manifesto said there had been no reference by Prime Minister R. G. Menzies or by Mr. Harrison to the desirability of consultation with the Government of India and Pakistan or any other well-disposed Asiatic Government whose views therefore may be presumed to be of little concern to Australian Government.

A WARNING

"The Labour Party warns the Australian public against military action having no better basis than the loose and imprecise assertions of Defence Minister Harrison", it declared

"At this stage when Britain, the United States, Holland and France were withdrawing or have withdrawn from Asiatic territories or are conferring self-government, it would be dangerously foolish for Australia to assume the task of policing any Asiatic colonial possessions", the manifesto declared.

"Intervention in Malaya would not have the character of a trivial adventure but would be a grave step," it stated.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL TRAINS

Sabotage Suspected

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 27.

An attempt to derail trains in Ahmedabad railway yard was reported to the police this morning. The Railway police is making inquiries. An iron pipe was found near railway line's joints. One engine of No. 15 down train was derailed in the Ahmedabad railway yard. Police is suspecting sabotage.

LIQUOR SMUGGLERS CAUGHT

(From Our Correspondent).

KARWAR, April 27.—A boat carrying smuggled liquor was chased by a party of Karwar Home Guards led by its District Commandant, Dr. G. M. Masurkar, off Anjidiv island, a Portuguese possession, about three miles off the coast of Binge (Karwar) on Monday night.

The smugglers when pursued and driven to bay disgorged all the contents except one jug of liquor in the sea and surrendered to the Home Guards.

The young fisherfolk of Binge who have opened a Prohibition Welfare Centre there assisted the Home Guards.

THEIR 'SPECIAL' LANGUAGE

COLOMBO, April 26.

TWO girls were fined Rs. 2 and fifty cents each by a Magistrate at Gampaha for using "foul" language on a public road.

Passing sentence on them, the Magistrate said: "When you want to use obscene words, go close to each other and whisper. Other people don't wish to hear your language."

The girls pleaded guilty to the charge and begged for pardon.

SENTENCED FOR TREASON

Zdenka Vackova (centre) who was tried by Prague State Court for high treason and espionage has been sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment.

FINANCIAL AID TO COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

Delhi Examining Proposals

NEW DELHI, April 27.

THE Government of India has been actively examining proposals for assisting financially small-scale industries in this country. The Government of India is also aware that it has no machinery to undertake financing of small-scale industries and the task shall have to be left to the State Governments, its own limited role being that of their financier, if necessary.

Some States have Aid to Industries Acts, under which they grant loans to small-scale industries. It will be thus seen that machinery does exist in some cases, but it suffers from lack of funds. The Government of India are opposed to scrapping away of such machinery but has advised States that, they should set up their own industrial finance corporations and furnish them with adequate funds. All loans to industries should be canalized through these corporations.

The Government of India has a direct responsibility for the Centrally administered areas. By non-statutory regulations the Government of India has set up Advisory Boards for all these areas, except for Andaman Islands. These Boards are a mixture of officials and non-officials with Chief Commissioners as their Chairmen. They are intended to scrutinize all applications for loans and make recommendation to the Chief Commissioners; Central Government has placed adequate funds, amounting to Rs. three lakhs in 1950-51 with the Chief Commissioners for the purpose.

The Standing Committee to the Cottage Industries Board has also been re-constituted. It will include five representatives of the State Governments, Dr. Kumarappa, Messrs. Poranlal Kapadia, Rajendra Nath Tagore, Manubhai Bhat, Srinivasan Malayya, G. L. Mehta, Shri Ram B. Shiva Rao and Mrs. Kamladevi Chattopadhya. An Export Corporation for the Cottage Industries products has been set up.

India has practically lost Pakistan and Burma markets for its handloom products. Side by side, traditional preference for handloom products in the countryside is on the decline. The mill-made products are increasingly preferred in the rural areas. An extensive change in the pattern of handloom products has, therefore, become necessary.

The Government of India has taken various steps to save the handloom weavers from their ruin. The Government of India purchases, on the average, three crore rupees worth of cloth for its own services every year. Subject to their requisite quality, the Government has decided to ear-mark one-third of its own purchases from the handloom products. For their purpose, the Textile Commissioner and the representatives of the Defence Ministry will shortly visit important handloom areas.

EXPORT ENCOURAGED

Side by side, the Government is taking all possible steps to stimulate exports of handloom products. All exports of handloom have been freed from control restrictions and sets of samples have been sent to India's Trade Commissioners abroad. As for patterns, a Committee was set up to call for them and have selected twenty-five designs. They are being tested by getting consumers reactions to them. It is proposed to publish them in pamphlet forms for sale to weavers at subsidized price. Railways' concession in freight has been extended till December 31, 1950.

The Government in agreement with mills has also reserved certain specified fields of production for handloom weavers. This includes bath matts, bath towals, sheet with border, certain varieties of dhoties and sarees, dusters and furnishing material.

EXCHANGE FACILITIES

To meet the shortage of yarn for handloom industry Government has provided foreign exchange for one lakh bales of cotton, to be imported from abroad. This cotton will be allocated to spinning mills to supply yarn to handlooms. Import licences for about 70,000 bales have already been issued. Lastly, the Government has created a handloom fund of Rs. ten lakhs, out of which grants are made to finance schemes.

Indian Standards For Paints Products

NEW DELHI, April 27: The Indian Standards Institution has now published forty Indian standards (IS: 33—1950 to IS: 72-1950) on pigments, extenders, methods of testing composition and quality of paints and other materials that are used in the trade. Adherence to these standards is expected to stimulate both internal consumption and export.

Copies of these Indian standards can be had from the Secretary (Administration), Indian Standards Institution, 19, University Road, Delhi-2.

DISCIPLINE IN THE CONGRESS

Executive To Discuss

NEW DELHI, April 27 (P.T.I.): The Congress Working Committee will meet here on April 29 to discuss the organisational discipline in the Congress bodies of Uttar Pradesh and Madras, it is learnt. In these two States certain Congressmen either forming themselves into a minority bloc or in their individual capacity are "acting in opposition to the mandate of the Congress High Command".

In Uttar Pradesh 24 Congress members of the State Legislature described as "Congress Rebels" recently turned down a directive of the Congress Secretary to leave their opposition bench and join the party. The "Rebels" though threatened with disciplinary action gave support to their expelled leader Mr. Trilok Singh and resolved to form a new party of their own.

Mr. T. Prakasam, ex-Premier of Madras, who demanded a separate seat in the State Legislature recently described the Congress Working Committee's notice of disciplinary action against him as outside the jurisdiction of the Committee.

The Working Committee will also reconsider the venue of the next Congress session, as the Mysore Congress Committee has expressed inability to arrange the session in Bangalore in July, the month being the monoon season.

The Committe will consider the draft memorandum of the Planning Sub-Committee.

It is likely that the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru will address the Committee on his recent visit to Karachi.

PROBLEMS FACING MADHYA BHARAT

Tough Job For The Chief Minister

(From Our Correspondesnt)

LASHKAR, April 27.—The Chief Minister, Shri Gopikrishna Vijayvargiya, will have to face many difficulties in the near future. The first and foremost problem is in regard to the selection of the capital for Madhyabharat.

The second difficulty is in regard to the location of proposed University. The Madhyabharat Assembly decided that Ujjain should be the venue of the university. Now Sardar Patel is reported to have asked the Madhyabharat Government to shelve the issue, having taken into consideration the present regional spirit that persists here.

Another formidable problem relates to the Cabinet. There will be a reshuffle in the Cabinet, it is understood, in the near future. But how to reconcile the rival groups is a problem that baffles solution.

The Chief Minister has gone to Delhi in order to place before Sardar Patel everything in proper perspective and to seek his advice regarding these burning problems of Madhyabharat.

The Chief Minister, it is understood, has invited Shri Ramkrishna Dixit, the Finance Minister and Shri Jagmohanlal Shrivastav, the Law Minister to Delhi. Both the ministers are reported to have left for Delhi tonight.

Madhya Bharat Congress Welcomes The Pact

(From Our Correspondent).

INDORE, April 27.—The working committee of the Madhyabharat P.C.C. held here under the presidentship of Mr. Kashinath Trivedi yesterday adopted a resolution holding the Indo-Pak agreement as a harbinger of prosperity and happiness to the sister states and appealing to the people and the Congress men to create an atmosphere for fair and honest implementation of the agreement.

The Committee adjourned to meet again on May 1. Meanwhile the President of the Committee, Mr. Kashinath Trivedi has gone to New Delhi.

The Committee discussed the disturbed conditions in Jhabua and Khilchipur districts on account of Socialist agitation in the former and restrictions and hardships enforced recently in the latter district on the Harijans by certain reactionary element.

Mr. Ram Sahai, Speaker of the Madhyabharat Assembly has been asked to go to Jhabua.

CLOSE BUSINESS ON MAY DAY

Congress Call At Durban

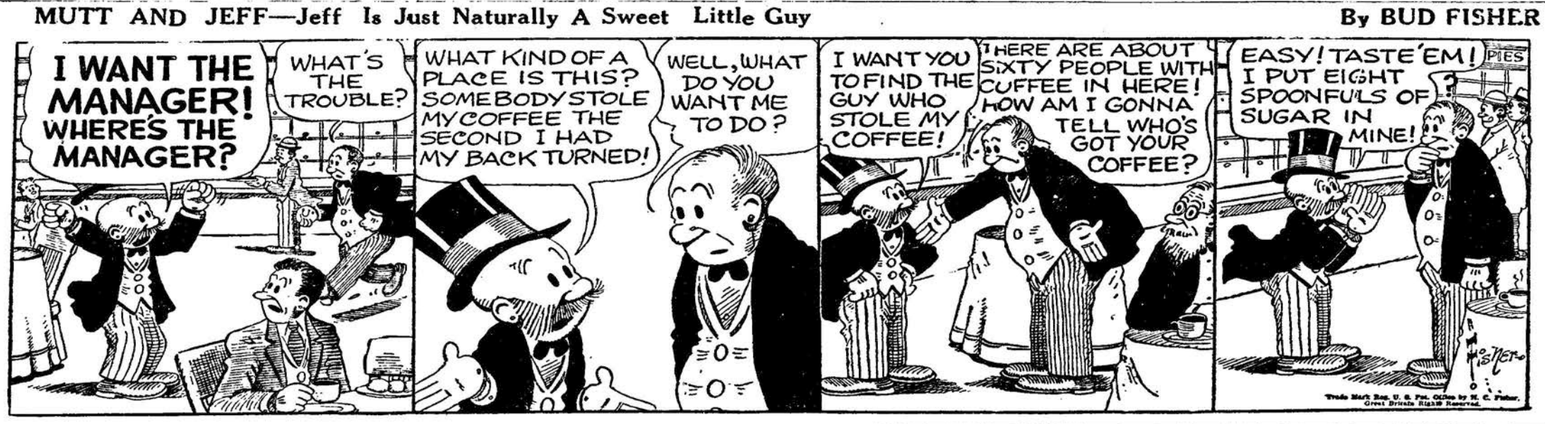
DURBAN, April 26 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Natal Indian Congress today called on all Indians in the province to close their businesses on May Day as a protest against Dr. Malan's bill to divide South Africa into racial group areas.

The bill introduced in the Union Parliament last week, will have the second reading on May Day.

Dr. G. M. Naicker President of the Natal Indian Congress said the bill would ruin Indian businessmen if it became law.

The South African Indian Congress yesterday asked the United Nations to prevent the passing of the bill.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Is Just Naturally A Sweet Little Guy — By BUD FISHER


I WANT THE MANAGER! WHERE'S THE MANAGER?
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
WHAT KIND OF A PLACE IS THIS? SOMEBODY STOLE MY COFFEE THE SECOND I HAD MY BACK TURNED!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I WANT YOU TO FIND THE GUY WHO STOLE MY COFFEE!
THERE ARE ABOUT SIXTY PEOPLE WITH COFFEE IN HERE! HOW AM I GONNA TELL WHO'S GOT YOUR COFFEE?
EASY! TASTE 'EM! I PUT EIGHT SPOONFULS OF SUGAR IN MINE!
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